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## Report : Petition of J. Brownlee

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 28, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PADDOCK, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

**REPORT:**

[To accompany H. R. 13204.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13204) granting a pension to John Brownlee, private in Company H, Captain Layton's company, Colonel Kelly commanding battalion, in the Indian war of 1855-'56, have examined the same and report:

Upon a careful scrutiny of this case the committee find the facts as set forth in the subjoined House report, and concur in the House views therein expressed.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13204) granting a pension to John Brownlee, have considered the same and report:

The claimant appears on the rolls of the First Oregon Mounted Volunteers as follows:

As a private from October 23, 1855, to May 15, 1856, in Capt. Davis Layton's company (H) and as a private in Capt. William G. Haley's company (C) from May 15, 1856, to August 14, 1856.

The claimant swears that he participated in all the battles and skirmishes that his command was engaged in during the above-named time, and that from exposure he contracted rheumatism, from which he has suffered ever since to such an extent that he is now disabled for the performance of all manual labor; that he can do nothing towards earning a support, and he has nothing else to depend upon for a living. He further states that he lost a horse worth \$300 at the battle of Walla Walla, for which he has never been paid.

Mr. Brownlee resides at Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa. Dr. N. R. Cornell, of Knoxville, Iowa, testifies to having had the claimant under his care and treatment for the past 23 years and that during that time he has been a sufferer from rheumatism and disease of heart, and that he is now unable to support himself by manual labor because of said diseases.

Dr. W. E. Wright also testifies to the existence of the above-named diseases in the claimant's case and to the applicant's inability to support himself.

There is no general pension law to cover Mr. Brownlee's case but there are numerous precedents for the allowance of pensions by special act to the survivors of the old Indian wars.

Your committee therefore return the bill with the recommendation that it do pass with an amendment to fix the rate of pension at \$12 per month.