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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 22, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 12312.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12312) granting a pension to Mary C. Hoffman, have examined the same and report.

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the bill recommended to pass with an amendment, striking out the word "thirty" in line 9, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty."

[House Report No. 3333, Fifty-first Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12312) granting a pension to Mary C. Hoffman, submit the following report:

The complainant is the widow of Gen. William Hoffman, and the committee find that the said General Hoffman participated in the Black Hawk war, in the Florida war, in the Mexican war, in the Indian wars, and in the later war of the rebellion. The widow is now 61 years of age, is poor, being compelled to keep boarders in order to make a living.

The committee recommend that this bill be amended by striking out the words "one hundred," in the last line of said bill, and to insert in lieu thereof the word "fifty," and that the bill as so amended do pass.

The following is a statement of the military services of said General Hoffman, as furnished by the War Department:

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 15, 1890.

Statement of the military service of William Hoffman, of the U. S. Army, compiled from the records of this office.

He was a cadet at the United States Military Academy from July 1, 1825, to July 1, 1829, when graduated, and appointed brevet second lieutenant Sixth Infantry, July 1, 1829; second lieutenant, July 1, 1829; first lieutenant, November 16, 1836; captain, February 1, 1838; major, Fifth Infantry, April 15, 1851; transferred to Sixth Infantry February 20, 1852; lieutenant colonel, Eight Infantry, October 17, 1860; colonel, Third Infantry, April 25, 1862; unassigned, March 15, 1869; retired, May 1, 1870.

He received the brevets of major August 20, 1847, "for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battles of Contreras and Churubusco, Mexico;" of lieutenant colonel, September 8, 1847, "for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battle of Molino del Rey, Mexico;" of brigadier-general, October 7, 1864, "for faithful and meritorious services during the war," and of major-general, March 13, 1865, "for faithful, meritorious, and distinguished services as commissary-general of prisoners during the war."

He joined his regiment November 1, 1829, and served with it at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to December, 1829; at Fort Leavenworth, Kans. (on leave May 4, to December

31, 1832), to April 15, 1833; on detached service with Santa Fé traders to July 24, 1833; on recruiting service to April 11, 1835; on leave to July 1, 1835; on duty with regiment at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to February 29, 1836; in Louisiana to February, 1837; in the Florida war to April 14, 1840; on leave to October 24, 1840; with regiment in the Florida war to December, 1841; on recruiting service to January 2, 1843; with regiment in Arkansas (on leave May 8 to November 8, 1845) to June 19, 1846; on detached service mustering in volunteers for the Mexican war to August 30, 1846; with regiment in the war with Mexico to June, 1848: on recruiting service to April 15, 1849; with regiment in Kansas and Nebraska to August 20, 1851; on sick leave to May 19, 1852; with regiment at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to July 19, 1852; on detached service at Newport Barracks, Ky., to September 14, 1854; with regiment in Nebraska and Dakota Territory, the Utah expedition in 1858, marched to California in the same year, and in California to February 20, 1860; on leave to December, 1860; en route to and with regiment in Texas to March, 1861; prisoner of war on parole, but serving on court-martial and other duties in the North to October 23, 1861, and as commissary-general of prisoners at Washington, D. C. (exchanged August 27, 1862), to November 3, 1865; commanding regiment at St. Louis, Mo., December 16, 1865, to April 16, 1866; at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., to March, 1868, and Forts Riley and Harker, Kans., to May 12, 1868; on leave and awaiting orders to April, 1869; superintendent recruiting service to May 1, 1870, when he was retired.

Unemployed to August 12, 1884, upon which date he died.

J. C. KELTON,
Adjutant-General.