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## Report : Claim of G. Ihrie

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MARCH 31, 1892.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. WALTHALL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 619.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 619), for the relief of George P. Ihrie, having considered the same, report as follows:

The bill provides for the appointment and retirement, as major, of George P. Ihrie, formerly a colonel of volunteers, major and paymaster, U. S. Army, and brevet brigadier-general, U. S. Army.

Reports from the War Department, printed below, upon a similar bill at the first session of the Fifty-first Congress, contain a summary of this officer's military service made from the records, and show that he resigned July 1, 1873.

The communication from the Adjutant-General states:

This office has no information as to whether or not Gen. Ihrie is now suffering under any disability due to his military services which would entitle him to a place on the retired list if he were now an officer of the Army.

This committee has been furnished with an affidavit of S. B. Conover, M. D., dated January 9, 1892, which appears below, in which the affiant says of Gen. Ihrie:

I have no doubt that his failing health and physical disability are due to exposure on the frontier many years ago, and to arduous services during the late civil war.

But the general seems to have resigned instead of availing himself of the law in force at the date of his resignation providing for the retirement of officers incapacitated for active service, and no sufficient reason appears to justify the special legislation proposed in this bill.

Your committee therefore recommend that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, D. C., December 13, 1890.*

SIR: I return herewith S. 4568, Fifty-first Congress, first session, "for the relief of George P. Ihrie," referred to this Department on the 10th instant, and invite your attention to the inclosed letter of the Adjutant-General, dated the 12th instant, and to its accompanying paper, detailing the services rendered by Gen. Ihrie.

Very respectfully,

REDFIELD PROCTOR,  
*Secretary of War.*

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS,  
*United States Senate.*

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, December 12, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith Senate bill No. 4568, which was referred to the Department by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, and which provides for the appointment and retirement as major of George P. Ihrie, formerly a colonel of volunteers, major and paymaster, U. S. Army, and brevet brigadier-general, U. S. Army, and to transmit a summary of Gen. Ihrie's military services made from the records on file.

This office has no information as to whether or not Gen. Ihrie is now suffering under any disability, due to his military service, which would entitle him to a place on the retired list if he were now an officer of the Army.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. C. KELTON,  
Adjutant-General.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

*Statement of the military service of George Percy Ihrie, of the United States Army, compiled from the records of this office.*

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, December 12, 1890.

He was a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy July 1, 1845, to January 16, 1847.

He was appointed second lieutenant, Third Artillery, June 18, 1855, and promoted first lieutenant February 28, 1857.

He joined his regiment July 29, 1855, and served therewith at Benicia Barracks, Cal., to March 6, 1856; in the field in campaign against Rogue River Indians, and acting assistant quartermaster and acting commissary of subsistence of troops in that campaign to July 1, 1856; at Benicia Barracks, Cal., to August 15, 1856; at Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., to October 28, 1856; and at Benicia Barracks, Cal., to June 19, 1857; on leave to January 31, 1858; with company at Benicia Barracks, Cal., to May 17, 1858; commanding company in campaign against Indians in Oregon and Washington Territory to October 23, 1858; on leave to May 16, 1859; conducting recruits to June 28, 1859; with company at Fort Vancouver, Wash., to August 9, 1859; at San Juan Island, Washington Territory, to October 5, 1859, and on leave until he resigned December 31, 1859.

He reentered the service as lieutenant-colonel Third California Infantry, September 4, 1861, and resigned December 11, 1861.

He was appointed colonel and additional aid-de-camp May 7, 1862, and served as aid-de-camp to Gen. Grant from May 7, 1862, to April 21, 1863, and awaiting orders until honorably discharged August 18, 1863.

He was appointed major and paymaster U. S. Army April 14, 1866.

He received the brevets of lieutenant-colonel, colonel, and brigadier-general U. S. Army, to rank from March 2, 1867, "for gallant and meritorious services during the war, at the siege of Corinth, at Iuka, battle of Corinth, Tallahatchie, advance of Grenada, Humboldt, and siege of Vicksburg."

He was on duty as paymaster in Kansas and Colorado, August, 1866, to August, 1868; at Washington, D. C., to February, 1869; at New York City to March, 1869; on delay and en route to Sitka, Alaska, to July 3, 1869; chief paymaster Department of Alaska, to July, 1870; on duty in California to October, 1870; in the Department of the Columbia to January, 1872; at San Francisco, Cal., to August, 1872; in Department of the Columbia to November 8, 1872, and on leave of absence until he resigned, July 1, 1873.

J. C. KELTON,  
Adjutant-General.

CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY.

This is to certify that I have been personally acquainted with Gen. George P. Ihrie for the past ten years, and during the two and a half years last past have seen him frequently, and prescribed for him at different times for chronic rheumatism and irritable bladder, resulting from a uric acid diathesis. I have no doubt that his failing health and physical disability are due to exposure on the frontier many years ago, and to arduous services during the late civil war.

S. B. CONOVER, M. D.,  
Late United States Senator from Florida.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., January 9, 1892.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, *County of Jefferson, ss:*

On the 9th day of January, A. D. 1892, personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for the State of Washington, S. B. Conover, to me personally known as the individual who signed the foregoing certificate and as a physician of good repute and high standing, who deposes and says the above facts as stated in his certificate of disability are correct and true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and year first above written.

[SEAL.]

JOHN A. PLUM,

*Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Port Townsend.*

