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ELIZABETH S. LUKE.

JUNE 30, 1892.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5329.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5329) granting a pension to Elizabeth S. Luke, have considered the same and report:

The records of the War Department show that the claimant's late husband, John L. Luke, was enrolled May 19, 1832, in Capt. Enoch Duncan's company of mounted riflemen, Illinois Volunteers, Black Hawk war, and was honorably discharged June 25, 1832.

In her statement in her own behalf the claimant says she is 80 years old, without property, real or personal, and solely dependent upon friends and relatives for support and maintenance. She resides at Clarksville, Pike County, Mo. It appears, further, from the claimant's statement that her husband entered the naval service of the United States about 1819 and served as midshipman on board a man-of-war under Commodore Bainbridge, and that after about three years of service he was discharged on account of ill health.

John O. Roberts and John M. Clifford, residents of Clarksville, Pike County, Mo., and acquaintances of the claimant and her husband for many years, fully corroborate her statements as to dependence, and add that John L. Luke died in 1869.

Your committee recommend that the bill be amended by striking out the word "twenty," in line 7, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twelve;" also, by inserting after the word "soldier," in line 6, the words "in Captain Enoch Duncan's company, Mounted Riflemen, Illinois Volunteers," and that as so amended the bill do pass.