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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 18, 1893.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 8498.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8498) granting a pension to Sophia Kagwaich, have examined the same and report:

The report of the House Committee on Pensions, on which this bill was passed, is concurred in, and is as follows:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8498) granting a pension to Sophia Kagwaich, submit the following report: Sophia Kagwaich is the mother of Samuel Kagwaich; the parties are Indians, and the name is variously spelled. The soldier, Samuel Kagwaich, enlisted June 15, 1863, in Company K, First Michigan Sharpshooters, received a gunshot wound at Petersburg, and in July, 1864, he was in hospital at Philadelphia, and being able to move about was granted a pass to go about the city, and was run over and killed by the cars in that city August 3, 1864, and according to the newspaper report of the coroner's verdict, which the Pension Bureau followed, he was intoxicated when killed. The claimant's application for pension was denied and she appealed to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and rejection was affirmed.

The mother is a widow, nearly 80 years old, supported by charity or by the public.

In view of the fact that the soldier died in service, and more especially as he was killed while a patient at the hospital because of wounds incurred in service, your committee recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill is reported favorably, with a recommendation that it do pass.

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