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EMILY McLAIN.

JANUARY 30, 1899.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 11420.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11420) granting a pension to Emily McLaine, have considered the same, and respectfully report as follows:

The claimant is the widow of Matthew T. McLain, who is shown by the records of the War Department to have served from August 31, 1836, to December 11, 1836, in Company D, First Arkansas Mounted Gun Men, Sabine Indian war.

Mrs. McLain filed an application at the Pension Bureau August 26, 1892, under the provisions of the Indian war service pension act of July 27, 1892, but the same was rejected on the ground that the Sabine disturbances were not included within the provisions of that act.

Mrs. McLain has established her legal widowhood to the satisfaction of the Pension Bureau, and has been granted a bounty-land warrant. She married the soldier in 1841 and he died in 1873. She is now about 76 years old.

It is known that it was only through inadvertence that the Sabine disturbances were omitted from the act of July 27, 1892, as it was the intention to include within the scope of that act all of the recognized Indian wars occurring during the period from 1832 to 1842, and it has been the uniform practice of the committee to report bills favorably wherever a service of thirty days or more in that war is shown of record.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended, with the following amendments:

Change the spelling of the claimant's and soldier's surname to "McLain."

In line 9 strike out "twelve" and insert "eight."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Emily McLain."