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MRS. MARY BUTTON.

AUGUST 15, 1894.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 6461.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6461) granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Button, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

The records of the Second Auditor, U. S. Treasury, show that the claimant's deceased husband, Asa Button, served in Capt. M. W. Reinhart's company of Arkansas volunteers in the Sabine Indian disturbances. His service covered the period from December 18, 1836, to April 12, 1837.

A transcript from the records of Independence County, Ark., shows that the beneficiary married the soldier June 1, 1837, and the testimony shows that he died in November, 1886, and that she has remained his widow ever since.

The witnesses are C. M. Ball and A. M. Rawlings, aged citizens of Independence County, Ark. The last-named affiant testifies that he served in the same war with the claimant's husband, and that she is now in destitute circumstances.

Your committee have already reported several bills granting pensions to soldiers who rendered service during the Sabine disturbances of 1836-'37, and to their widows; and it was only through an oversight that that war was not named in the general Indian war act of July 27, 1892, as it was the purpose of that act to include all Indian wars from 1832 to 1842; inclusive, which were conducted under the authority of the U. S. Government.

Under the circumstances the bill is returned with the recommendation that it do pass.