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ELIZABETH T. BEALL.

DECEMBER 17, 1894.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BAKER, of Kansas, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 6094.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6094) increasing the pension of Elizabeth T. Beall, have considered the same and report as follows:

Mrs. Beall is now pensioned at \$30 per month under the general law, and her petition for an increase of the same is as follows:

BALTIMORE, February 27, 1894.

To the Senate and United States House of Representatives.

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave most respectfully to petition to you for an increase of my pension. I have arrived at that age (now in my ninety-third year) where I require such care and attention that my present pension of \$30 per month is wholly inadequate to supply.

I am the widow of the late Col. Benjamin L. Beall, of the First United States Cavalry, who, during a long life, rendered distinguished services to his country.

Through the influence of Hon. Lewis Cass and Daniel Webster he was appointed captain in the Second Regiment of Dragoons, United States Army, by President Andrew Jackson in 1836, and was ordered to Florida, where he rendered such valuable service that Gen. W. J. Worth recommended him for promotion for his successful contests with the Indians.

In said recommendation General Worth says: "Capt. B. L. Beall has met the enemy in this contest oftener, perhaps, than any other officer; is brave and generous. Would therefore recommend him for promotion."

Was promoted to the brevet rank of major for gallantry and successful services in the war against the Florida Indians March 15, 1837.

Ordered to the Indian Territory after the Florida war to select a site for a fort. Established Fort Washita; and stationed there until the war with Mexico, where he served with distinction. After said war he was ordered to New Mexico, there served as civil and military governor. From there ordered to California and commanded Fort Tejon until the death of General Clark. Then commanded the Department of the Pacific from 1860 to 1861. For a time was conspicuously associated with the history of the Pacific Coast. From there was ordered East, placed on the retired list of the Army, and died at the city of Baltimore in the month of August, 1863.

Hoping this will meet with your earliest consideration and approbation,

I have the honor to be, most respectfully, your obedient servant,

ELIZABETH T. BEALL.

The claimant's allegations as to her age and dependence are borne out by the testimony of Dr. Y. S. Marriott, Dr. H. M. Wilson, and other reputable residents of the city of Baltimore; and it is further shown that by reason of failing eyesight and other ailments incident to her great age she has for a long time past needed the services of an attendant.

It appears further that she has had dependent upon her an invalid granddaughter, and this, together with the requirements of her own condition, have long since exhausted all her means except the pension referred to above.

There are several precedents for the allowance of \$50 per month to the widows of soldiers who attained the rank held by the claimant's husband, and in view of her extreme age and the necessities of her condition your committee believe that she should be allowed such a sum as will provide her necessary attendance and care during the remaining days of her life, which must of necessity be very few.

The bill is, therefore, returned with the recommendation that it be amended by striking out the words "one hundred" in line 6 and substituting therefor the word "fifty," so as to allow a pension of \$50 per month, and that as so amended the bill do pass.