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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 19, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5175.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5175) granting a pension to Nancy Gentry, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives hereto appended is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

Nancy Gentry is the widow of John A. Gentry, who served as a private in Captain Jetton's company of Tennessee Mounted Volunteers from May 19, 1836, to June 16, 1836, Cherokee Indian war. This service, which covered a period of twenty-nine days, is a matter of record at the War and Treasury Departments.

It is also alleged that he served from June 26, 1836, to December 28, 1836, in Captain Fletcher's company of cavalry, but no record of this service can be found.

In her application to the Pension Bureau under the Indian war service pension act of July 27, 1892, the claimant has shown that she married the soldier in 1845 and remained his wife up to his disappearance from home in 1857; that he has not since been seen or heard from, and that she has never remarried.

The claim was rejected on the ground that the service of the soldier, so far as it is shown by the records, was one day short of the time required to give title under the law.

The claimant is about 71 years old, a great sufferer from rheumatism, and with no means of support except a small mountain farm worth not more than \$200. She is now unable to do any work and is obliged to rely upon the assistance of others. These facts are shown by the sworn statements of L. C. Farmer and W. J. Kerley, residents of Bledsoe County, Tenn.

The passage of the bill is respectfully recommended.