

JOHN H. CARR.

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FEBRUARY 6, 1903.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. RICHARDSON, of Alabama, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 15665.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 15665) granting an increase of pension to John H. Carr, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

John H. Carr, of Brookfield, Linn County, Mo., was a private in Company H, Fifth Regiment Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, and served from November 6, 1847, to July 20, 1848, in the war with Mexico, and he is now receiving the pension of \$12 per month allowed by law to the totally disabled and destitute survivors of said war. Prior to the passage of the act under which he receives his service pension the claimant filed an application for a disability pension, alleging that he incurred chronic diarrhea, rheumatism, and disease of lungs while in the service, and he supplied considerable evidence in support of the claim, but the same was rejected on the ground that the proof was insufficient to establish service origin. He was examined as far back as 1884 and found to be then totally disabled by disease of lungs.

The testimony accompanying the bill, including claimant's sworn petition, shows that he is 71 years old, wholly disabled for the performance of any manual labor, the possessor of no property, either real or personal, and wholly dependent upon his pension for support.

A petition numerous signed by representative citizens of Brookfield, Mo., fully bears out all of the above facts relative to claimant's disability and necessitous circumstances, and further sets forth that claimant is an honest, upright, and deserving man.

The passage of the bill is respectfully recommended when amended as follows:

In line 8 strike out "twenty" and insert "sixteen."

