

CHRISTIANA WEBER.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 372.]

AUGUST 1, 1850.

Mr. WALDO, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Christiana Weber, respectfully report:*

The petitioner claims to be the widow of John Weber, deceased; that on the 12th day of June, 1846, the said John Weber enlisted into company E, fourth regiment Illinois volunteers, as a private, and was on said day informally mustered into the service of the United States for a year's duty in the war with Mexico, at the town of Springfield, in said State of Illinois; that said regiment was marched from said Springfield to Jefferson barracks, in the State of Missouri, where it was finally mustered in said service on the 18th day of July, 1846; that said John Weber commenced said march with said regiment, and continued therein in the line of his duty, until the 2d day of July, 1846, when he received a *coup de soleil*, or stroke of the sun, from the effect of which he died in two days thereafter; that when said regiment was mustered into service at Jefferson barracks aforesaid, the name of said Weber was by mistake omitted from the muster rolls; that she has applied to the proper department for the bounty land and five years' half pay to which the widows of deceased soldiers are entitled under the acts of Congress in such cases made and provided, and has been refused on the ground that her said husband deceased before said regiment was mustered into said service.

The claims of the petitioner are most conclusively proved by the certificate of two of the field officers of said regiment, now members of this House, to wit: Hon. E. D. Baker and Hon. T. L. Harris; by the affidavits of respectable witnesses who were with said Weber in said service; and by a letter from the Hon. J. L. Edwards; all on file.

The committee, believing that the petitioner brings her case within the true intent and meaning of the several acts of Congress upon this subject, and that she is deprived of their benefits by an omission to return the name of the said Weber upon the rolls of said company, are of opinion that she is entitled to the relief sought, and recommend the passage of the accompanying bill for a public act.

