Pension to John Sheets.

pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John Sheets, late a private in company F, twelfth regiment West Virginia volunteers, and to pay him a pension at the rate of fifteen dollars per month, to commence on the fourteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

APPROVED, July 20, 1868.

July 20, 1868.

CHAP. CXCIX. — *An Act to authorize the Sale of twenty Acres of Land in the military Reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Secretary of War, in behalf of the United States and in accordance with the previous practice of the War Department, on the thirteenth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, did execute to Samuel Denman, William H. Russell, and Thomas Ewing, junior, and their assigns, a lease of twenty acres of land in the military reserve at Fort Leavenworth, State of Kansas, for the term of sixteen years thereafter, with a preference to them of an extension of the term, and with the exclusive right to mine for coal under the lands of said military reserve; and whereas the said lessees and their assigns accepted the said lease, and upon the faith thereof have prosecuted their mining operations under many difficulties at great expense, and have finally succeeded in striking the deep coal beds of that geological region after having expended their entire capital to the amount of forty thousand dollars; and whereas it is now discovered that the said lease is invalid because the Secretary of War was unauthorized in law to make the same, by reason of which the said lessees are deprived of their right to proceed, and are threatened with the total loss of their money, and are without redress; and whereas in view of the incalculable benefit to be derived, not alone by the State of Kansas, but by the whole country adjacent thereto, by the development of the coal strata of the region, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, on the eighteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, did concur in a joint resolution reciting the above, and respectfully requesting this Congress to act in the premises; and whereas the House of Representatives of the United States have heretofore passed an act directing the sale, in small tracts, of a body of land in said military reserve: Therefore,

Leavenworth Coal Company may purchase part of military reserve.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Leavenworth Coal Company, being the successors and assigns of Samuel Denman, William H. Russell, and Thomas Ewing, junior, in the lease aforesaid, shall have the right to purchase from the United States twenty acres of land lying in the military reserve at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the south line of the military reserve and the Missouri River, running northwardly thence along the west line of the said Missouri River, thence westwardly in a line parallel to the south line of the military reserve, thence southwardly in a line at right angles with the south line of the military reserve, thence eastwardly in the said south line of the military reserve to the point of beginning, the said lines to be run so as to make the form of the said twenty acres as nearly square as practicable. The said Leavenworth Coal Company shall pay therefor the sum fixed by the United States district judges of the State of Kansas, the eastern district of Missouri, and of the northern district of Illinois, whose reasonable expenses shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and said lease is hereby extended sixteen years from the passage of this act.

Lease extended.

Patent to issue to grant exclusive right to mine coal.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, upon the payment of the purchase-money for the same, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to issue to the said Leavenworth Coal Company, and its successors and assigns, a patent for the above-described lands, which

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patent shall also grant to the said company, and its successors and assigns, the exclusive right to mine for all coal underlying the lands now comprised in the military reserve aforesaid. Mining right.

APPROVED, July 20, 1868.

CHAP. CC. — *An Act granting a Pension to the Widow and Children of George R. Waters.* July 20, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension rolls, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the names of Mary Waters, the widow, and the three children under sixteen years of age, of George R. Waters, late a member of the fifteenth regiment New York volunteers, commencing November seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four. Pension to widow and children of George R. Waters.

APPROVED, July 20, 1868.

CHAP. CCI. — *An Act granting a Pension to Thomas Connolly.* July 20, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension rolls, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Thomas Connolly, late a member of company A, sixty-ninth New York volunteers. Pension to Thomas Connolly.

APPROVED, July 20, 1868.

CHAP. CCII. — *An Act for the Relief of Wait Talcott.* July 20, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit to Wait Talcott (as of the eighteenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-five), internal revenue collector for the second district of Illinois, the sum of five hundred and fifty-six dollars and ninety-three cents in consideration of the loss of that sum by the robbery of his deputy, Captain Richard A. Smith. Wait Talcott to be allowed a credit.

APPROVED, July 20, 1868.

CHAP. CCIII. — *An Act granting a Pension to Henry H. Hunter.* July 20, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension rolls, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Henry H. Hunter, a resident of Knox County, Kentucky, and who was wounded while serving with the first regiment of Kentucky volunteer cavalry, commencing October seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-one. Pension to Henry H. Hunter.

APPROVED, July 20, 1868.

CHAP. CCIV. — *An Act granting a Pension to the Widow and Children of Myron Wilklow.* July 20, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension rolls, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the names of Sarah A. Wilklow, the widow, and Elmira, Emma, and Mary Wilklow, children under sixteen years of age of Myron Wilklow, late a Pension to widow and children of Myron Wilklow.