14,385 PENSIONERS OF UNCLE SAM OVER 80

Mrs. Sparkman of Florida Leads the List With 112 Years to Her Credit.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 11.—There is an old saying that nothing prolongs longevity like a pension.

Upon the Government records three of our pensioners are over one hundred, 256 are in the nineties and 14,835 are in their eighties.

Our centenarian pensioner claiming the greatest age is Mrs. Phoebe E. Sparkman of Fairfield, Fla. In a sworn petition accompanying a special bill in Congress which in January, 1907, increased her pension to $12 per month, she set forth that she was then 110 years old, which would make her 112 this year. She is pensioned as a soldier's widow, her husband, Henry Sparkman, having served in the Florida Indian war of 1839-40, as private in Captain Oliver's company, First Regiment, Florida Mounted Militia. In a dictated statement which Mrs. Sparkman made some time ago she says:

"I was brought by my parents to this State (Florida) when I was eight years old from Georgia, and settled in what is now known as Gainesville, in Alachua county, Fla. Of course it was a wild country at that time. Indians were all around us.

"We lived in camps made of palmetto blades and pine tops, same as Indians. I was married at the age of twenty-five, on the site above stated. At the uprising of the Indians my husband was mustered into the service and served through the war. We still lived at Gainesville when the war was over and raised a family of five children. My husband died in Gainesville, and I with my family moved to Hernando county, in South Florida, the day after my husband was buried."

Healthy at Near 111.

Our next oldest pensioner, according to his claim, is Henry Dorman, of Liberal, Mo., who served in the Civil War in Company F, Seventh Michigan Cavalry. In a pension application made early in 1907 he stated that he was born January 10, 1799, which would make him almost a year old when George Washington died, and 110 years and 8 months old at the present time. Although he does not boast, with Mrs. Sparkman, of having lived under the administration of every President of the United States, he claims to have been contemporary with every man who has held that office. According to his statement of his age, he was 62 at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War, in which he fought.

Claims 108 Years.

The third pensioner claiming to be a centenarian is Micajah Wise of Beaver Brook, N. Y., who says he is 108 years of age. He served in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-first Pennsylvania Infantry. In June of this year he was reported to be "hale and hearty."

A fourth centenarian veteran of our wars—who is not, strictly speaking, a pensioner, but a sailor on the retired list of the regular navy—is William Macabee, who has just celebrated his one hundredth birthday anniversary at the United States Naval Home, Philadelphia. His records show that he was born in Baltimore, Sept. 22, 1803, which was in the first administration of Thomas Jefferson.

The last remaining veterans of all four wars have passed the century mark. Daniel F. Bakeman, the final survivor of the Revolutionary War, died at Freedom, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., April 5, 1869, aged 109 years, 6 months and 8 days, and Hiram Crook of Ava, N. Y., the last surviving pensioned soldier of the War of 1812, was 105 years and 16 days old when finally mustered out by the Great Commander on May 13, 1905.

Saw Our Four Great Wars.

Bakeman, who is remembered by many men still young today, was born back in 1759, when we were still content with the yoke of England. He was a lad of seventeen when independence was declared and when the Liberty Bell proclaimed the freedom of the land. When the War of 1812 broke out he was a middle-aged man of fifty-three, considered too old for active service, and when the Mexican War was fought he was an aged man of eighty-seven, looked upon by his neighbors as ready for the grave. Yet he lived twenty-two years more, and upon his hundredth birthday the Civil War had not yet come. When its first guns were heard he was 102, and no one dreamed that he would see its end. But still he fought the last foe as tenaciously as, under the command of Washington, he had battled against the first enemy, and when Lee surrendered he was nearing 106.

Crook also saw four of our wars begun and ended. Having been born in 1800, he was only fourteen when he finished his service in the second struggle with Britain. He was forty-six at the time of the Mexican War, sixty-one when Sumter was fired on, and ninety-eight when Dewey ran the gauntlet of Manilla Bay.

Two Real Daughters of Revolution.

Our most interesting class of pensioners now alive, if we exclude the centenarians already described, are our two remaining daughters of Revolutionary soldiers, whom Congress has pensioned by special act. These are Mrs. Phoebe M. Wooley Palmiter of Brookfield, N. Y., and Mrs. Sarah C. Hurlbutt of Little Marsh, Pa.

The other surviving real Daughter of the Revolution, Mrs. Hurlbutt, is ninety-one, and lives with her son, P. G. Hurlbutt. She is the daughter of Elijah Weeks, who served in a Massachusetts company during the great struggle for independence. These two old ladies are our nearest connecting links with the great event in which our republic was conceived, and it should pay them homage as long as they live.

The woman who linked the thrilling days of 1776 with our present decade of airships and automobiles was Mrs. Esther Sumner Damon, a first cousin of former United States Senator Charles Sumner. During the last years of her life she subsisted on a pension of $12 per month allowed her by Congress, but a year before her death this was doubled.

About 400 widows of the War of 1812 are now living.

A Shaking Up

May all be very well so far as the trusts are concerned, but not when it comes to chills and fever and malaria. Quit the quinine and take a real cure—Ballard's Herbine. Contains no harmful drugs and is as certain as taxes. If it doesn't cure, you get your money back. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

Death of Old Darkey.

Armon Johnson, an old negro who had resided in the LaCrosse section for the past forty-five years, died at his home there on last Friday. He was an industrious and hard-working negro and honest in his dealings.

Impure blood runs you down—makes you an easy victim for organic diseases. Burdock Blood Bitters purifies the blood—cures the cause—builds you up.

RAMSEY IS AFTER THE WEST END TIGERS

MADE SPECIAL TRIP SATURDAY NIGHT TO THEIR PLACES.

Secured a Number of Guns, Some Booze and Scared Them From Doing Business.

Sheriff Ramsey, in company with a number of deputies, took in certain sections in the western part of the county on Saturday night in an endeavor to "run down" a number of the supposedly bling tigers that are said to exist in that section.

For several weeks reports have been coming to the sheriff that any number of "tigers" were in full running order, and that untold of gambling, fights and the like were in progress each Saturday and Sunday in the section visited.

While they found the booze, they could not find anyone that claimed it, and as a consequence could make no arrests, but they also found a number of pistols which were thrown away, after they had invaded the territory, but only succeeded in making two arrests.

It seems that all of the places being closely connected it was an easy matter for them to spread the news upon the arrival of the officers and notify all, so they could not be caught up with in their disregard of the law.

A number of "skin" games were disturbed and gambling houses raided, but the inmates made good their escape before the arrival of the officers on the scene.

There has been so much trouble in Jonesville, Tioga and the camps in that section that the sheriff will take extra precaution in the future and see if the same cannot be stopped.

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Arrested for Concealed Weapons.

From Tuesday's Daily Sun:

Sheriff Ramsey and Deputy Bruton arrested two negroes on Saturday night charged with carrying concealed weapons. They found the pistols upon them and they are now confined in jail to await a preliminary hearing which will be had before Judge Mason. James and John Long were their names and they come from Jonesville.

A Banquet

Spread before you would do you no good if you couldn't eat. What good can food do a child when as soon as it enters it's stomach it is eaten by worms. That's the reason your baby is ailing, cross, pasty-faced and thin. Give it White's Cream Vermifuge. It will expel the worms and act as a tonic for the child. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

Pleasant Surprise Party.

From Tuesday's Daily Sun:

Quite a number of the little friends of Miss Louise Prewitt surprised her with a birthday party on last Saturday afternoon, it being the sixth anniversary of the little hostess. She proved adequate to the occasion, and all left wishing for her many more such pleasant occasions.

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