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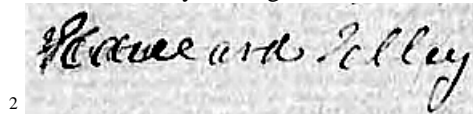
Pension application of William Ledwidge R6239 Rebekah Ledwidge f8VA
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State of Kentucky County of Fayette: SS

On this the 25 day of April in the year 1857 – Before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Personally appeared Mrs. Rebekah Ledwidge aged eighty-three years being by me duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 3rd day of February 1853 – or under any other act or acts of Congress to which he may be legally entitled – granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolution War – That she is the widow of William Ledwidge Deceased who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and from information that she received from William Ledwidge her late husband during his life that he served under Captain Wagoner who was an officer in the revolution war – and that her said husband William Ledwidge made an application¹ for pension for his service in said war – under act of Congress passed on the 18th day of March 1818 – which application was rejected on the ground that he had sufficient property for his support – under act of Congress passed first day of May 1820 – That his application and proof were made out and filed about the year 1819 – That she has no other evidence of her said Husband [s] service in said war – But refers to the evidence of his application to be placed on the Pension roll at the time above stated – and that her husband, William Ledwidge resided in the State of Virginia and County of Spotsylvania at the time he made application for pension. She further declares and says that she was married to the said William Ledwidge in the State of Virginia and in the County of Spotsylvania in the month of September 1814. That her name before Marriage was Mrs. Rebekah Ollive the widow of Thomas Ollive deceased – She was married by Howard Jelley [?]² – a Baptist preacher. That there is no Public record of her Marriage nor has she any private record of her Marriage. That she has been informed by Mr. Thomas S. Hicks of Spotsylvania County Virginia – by Letter – That a diligent search of the public records by the Clerk of the County Court of Spotsylvania County Virginia – and there is no record to be found of her Marriage – and that the family Bible of William Ledwidge her late husband was sent to his Daughter who resides in the state of

¹ No such application appears in this file and I could not find one elsewhere in the federal pension records under this or any similarly spelled surname. Gwathmey lists a Private William Ledwidge in Capt. John Green's company of militia for 18 days during the War of 1812.



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Edward Telley?

Missouri – That she has to rely on her best recollection both as to her Marriage and the death of her said Husband. That her best recollection is that he died on the ___ day of October 1827 – in the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia – That she has to rely on Parole evidence Both as to her Marriage and the death of her Husband – which will appear by reference to the proof in the case here with filed – and she Further declares that she Emigrated from the State of Virginia to the State of Kentucky in the year 1833 – To Fayette County and that she is a widow at the time of making this her Declaration – and Further declares that from old age and bodily infirmity that she is unable to attend Court to make this her Declaration –

She hereby appoints Benjamin Wood of the city of Lexington and State of Kentucky her true and lawful attorney with full power of substitution to prosecute this her claim for pension to receive the certificate when issued and to do all other acts necessary and proper in the premises.

Witnesses

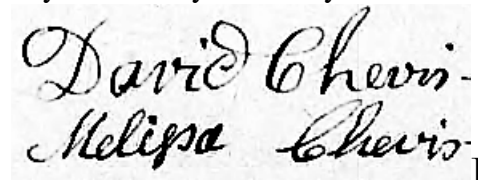
S/ Thomas Christian

S/ Rebekah Ledwidge

S/ Benjamin C. Wood



[p 4: On April 25, 1857 in Fayette County Kentucky, David Chevis and Melissa Chevis gave testimony that they have been acquainted with Mrs. Rebekah Ledwidge for 45 years; that prior to her marriage she was Rebekah Bevoineau; that she first married William Drake; then she married Thomas Ollive; and then about 1814 she married William Ledwidge while living in Spotsylvania County Virginia; that the veteran and the widow were still living as man and wife in Virginia when the affiants moved to Kentucky about 1816 and that about 1833 Mrs. Ledwidge came to Fayette County Kentucky and has remained there ever since.



[p 8: On April 25, 1857 in Fayette County Kentucky, Thomas Christian and Harriet W Christian gave testimony that they or personally well acquainted with Mrs. Rebeka Ledwidgeh and have known her since 1833; that she lives with them and has been boarding with them for 20 years.

