

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Livesay (Levisay) R6304 Nancy Livesay VA
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State of Tennessee } SS.

Hawkins County } on this 2^d day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court for the county of Hawkins, now sitting, George Levisay a resident of said county and state aged Sixty Eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on His oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 – That he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers and served as herein stated towit

That he entered the service of the united States as a volunteer sometime in June 1778 in Henry County State of Virginia under Col. [Thomas] Arthur, and Captain Hill, and was marched against the tories in the Counties of Bedford and Henry and continued two months in in Service and was discharged sometime in August 1778 having served fully two months

Again declarant entered the said service of the united states, by being drafted in the month of March in the year 1781 in the county of Henry aforesaid and served in Captain Renfro's [sic: John Renfro W9250] company in the regiment commanded by Col. [James] Lyon, of the militia, and after rendezvousing at Henry Old Court House he was marched with his regiment into North Carolina on the waters of Dan River, with the intention of joining General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], but his regiment halted[?] at the cross roads, on the waters of Dan River, in order to prevent Col. Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] from laying waste and attacking the settlements on that river, a report having reached Col. Lyon that Col Tarleton was approaching that quarter, and after remaining about three months in said service declarant with the balance of his company, was discharged sometime in the month of June 1781 and returned home – Again declarant entered the said service as a volunteer in the county of Franklin [sic: formed from Henry and Bedford counties in 1786] in the State of Virginia under Captain Thomas Hale & Ensign Thomas Hill in the Regiment of militia commanded by Col. Richardson [Holt Richeson VAS1954] about the middle of July 1781 and was marched from Pittsylvania Court House (where the company rendezvoused) to within about fifteen miles below Richmond and after remaining there sometime the Marquis Layfayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] took command of the army there where his head quarters, was, and after crossing the river, the army moved on past Richmond and crossed chickahominy Swamp and from thence to Pomonky [sic: Pamunkey] River, which was crossed and a few days after this declarant was with his company permitted to return home having served two months the time he volunteered, which was about the middle of September as well as he now recollects when he was dischared, in the year 1781

Making all together seven months

He furthermore states he received no written discharges that he now recollects of at either of the of the periods above named —

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. He states he was born in Fort Bedford, in the state of Virginia.

George hisXmark Levesey

And at the same time personally appeared in open Court Peter Anderson [S2912] who being duly sworn states that he resides in the same neighborhood of the said applicant for a pension, and further that he has been acquainted with him ever since the said applicant was a boy and lived within about two & a half miles of the said applicant when he resided in the state of virginia the said applicant residing in Henry County and this affiant in Bedford County near the line that seperated the two counties. that during the revolutionary war this affiant was intimately acquainted with said applicant and knows of his having performed the tours spoken of in his said declaration, that this affiant had a Brother who served with the

said applicant during the different periods spoken of in his declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

W B Mitchell Clk

Peter hisXmark Anderson

State of Tennessee }

Hawkins county } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for said county George Levisey, who being duly sworn deposed & saith that there was no clergyman residing in his neighborhood when he made out his declaration, herewith, nor is there any at this time and therefore he did not procure such certificate at the time of making his said declaration. That he has no record of his age. That he acquainted with Jonathan Pridmore Joseph Baker Esquire and Peter Anderson besides of respectable persons in his neighborhood who would also if necessary testify to his character &c if necessary

That when he made out his declaration, he forgot two months that he served as a private under Col. Arthur in his his declaration he stated he served two months under Col. Arthur when it should have been four months — And because of old age & the consequent loss of memory he did not recollect the precise length. but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

For four months I served as a private For three months I served as a private, and for two months I served as private and for such service I claim a pension – and that I was born in 1765 in Fort Bedford State of Virginia

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24 April 1833

George hisXmark Levisey

NOTE: On 6 Apr 1857 Jesse S. Levasey, son of Peter Livasy, applied for a pension on behalf of his father and other children of George Levasey, who died on 19 May 1837, and of Nancy Levasey, who died 21 Nov 1843. He stated that his grandparents were married in Franklin County (sic) and that his grandmother was survived by the following children: James, the eldest who died in April 1856 at age 72; Peter; George; Enoch; Joseph; Thomas; Edmond; Rachel; Margaret, and Elizabeth Levasy. With his application he submitted the family record transcribed as follows”

James Livesay was born October the 28 day in the yeare of our lord 1782

Elebeth Livesay was born September the 17 yare of our Lord 1784

Peter Lives was born march the 13 day in the yare of our Lord 1786

Reachel Livesay was born february the 6 day in the yare of our Lord 1789

marget Livesay was born february the 18 day in the yare of our Lord 1791

thomas Livesay was Born february the 24 day in the yare of our Lord 1793

Gyorge Livesay was Born Aparle the 2 day in the yare of our Lord 1794

mary Livesay was Born August th 14 day in the yare of our Lord 1796

Edmon Livesay was Born may the 3 day in the yare of our Lord 1799

Jos Livesay was Born the 19 of may in the of our Lord 182 (1802)

Enoch Livesay was Born October 28 in the yare of our Lord 1804

On 30 July 1855 John W. Livasay applied for a pension for the services of his grandfather, George Livesay, stating that he had been an invalid since his service in the Mexican War.

Eli Anderson and John Crouch deposed that George and Nancy Livesay came to the part of Hawkins County that became Hancock County from Franklin County in about 1816.

On 22 Aug 1857 Jesse S. Livesay gave his age as 32, stated that Elizabeth Livesay had died since his original application, that most of the children lived in Hancock County, but that two lived in Lee County VA, and one lived in Ashe County NC. His statement was supported by an affidavit by his father, witnessed by A. J. Livesay and W. C. Livesay