

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Levens [Levins] S32375

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an "Act entitled an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th May 1828, I Henry Levins [sic] of Harrisonville in Monroe County and State of Illinois do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the War, at which period I was a Lieutenant in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Silas Hedge of the Virginia Line. I never received a Certificate which I was Entitled to for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd March 1783 instead of half pay for life – to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780. Owing the length of time and distance from the Seat of Government, I was Ignorant of those resolutions in favor of Revolutionary Officers and Soldiers, until the publication of the late law, and that my Commission is lost, and I here with enclosed the affidavit of James McRoberts in lieu thereof.

S/ Henry Levens



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Before me Daniel Converse a Justice of the peace in the County of Monroe and State of Illinois personally appeared this day James McRoberts who made oath that Henry Levins was in the Revolutionary Army and he believes from its commencement to its Termination, and he believes that said Levins was an officer during the whole time stationed on the frontier Settlements near Pittsburgh Pennsylvania and that this affiant has been in one or 2 Campaigns with said Levins who was personally known to him.

S/ Daniel Converse

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Revolutionary Claims
Treasury Department,
30 August 1828

Henry Levens of Harrisonville in the County of Monroe in the State of Illinois has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief

of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the War, at which period he was a Lieutenant in the Col Hedge's regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, nothing dollars, paid to him by the agent in the State of ___

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
3rd September 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to ___ in the ___ line, amounting to ___ dollars.~~

It further appears that Henry Levens is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 at the rate of ___ per month.

The Revolutionary records in this Office furnish no information whatever in relation to the services of Lieutenant Henry Levens of the Virginia line –

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

General Land Office 16th December 1828

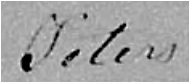
The name of Henry Levins does not appear on the list of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia

S/ G. W. Graham, Commissioner

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State of Illinois Monroe County: SS:

On this 3rd day of June A.D. 1833 personally appeared before Edward T Morgan, Scipis Beaird, & Felix Clark, Judges of the County Commissioners Court of said County and State now sitting Henry Levens [sic] a resident of said County of Monroe aged ninety 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th A.D. 1832. That in the year 1776 he received a Lieutenant's Commission in Captain Samuel Teters [?]¹ Company of Militia and on the 1st day of April in the same year he was detached with twenty-five men to guard a settlement at a place called Holiday's Cove [Holliday's Cove] for one month – when he was relieved and on the 1st day of November in the same year he was detached with the same number of men to guard a place called the Mingo Bottom Settlement for one month and on the 1st day of April 1777 – he was detached with the same number of men to guard the Beach Bottom settlement for one month – And on the last day of August 1777 he was detached with the same number of men to guard & defend the little Fort at Wheeling on the Ohio River, – (Mr. E.

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K. Kane² a Senator in Congress from this State informed me that he took the Affidavit of Mr. Ebenezer Zenes then Proprietor of the Town of Wheeling to prove the last mentioned service – which he filed in the Department). On the first of August 1779, Captain Samuel Teters himself Lieutenant, & Ensign William Biggs with sixty noncommissioned Officers and privates, volunteered in the service of the United States & mustered in the service under the command of Colonel Daniel Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead] he does not recollect the names of the General or Field Officers but was acquainted with Captains Brady, Campbell, and Biggs of Colonel Broadhead's Regiment – We marched over a mountainous country on the East side of the Allegheny River five hundred miles ^{to a large village which was deserted & was burnt by order of the commanders & the same destroyed} as it was called – and crossed to the West side of the River and returned ^{the first week in October of} [illegibly faint] – was in no general Engagement – but some skirmishing with small parties of Indians. In ^{the last week in} February 1782, I was called by the order of Either Colonel Broadhead or Gibson & which I cannot be certain, with our Company – on a tour against the Mingo & Delaware Indians under the command of Colonel David Williamson a Militia Colonel – we crossed the River & marched to their village on the Muskingum River, Killed Seventy or Eighty Indians – destroyed their Village and their corn and returned the first of April. He was attached with his Captain & part of the Company to Thomas Bays Command of the Battalion or Regiment of Militia – on and Expedition against the Weandotts [Wyandotte] under the Command of General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], & rendezvoused at Pittsburgh where they built a large Fort called Fort McIntosh and another on the Tuskarora [Tuscarora River] where they left about 200 men & owing to the lateness of the season & scarcity of Provisions – the main Army abandoned their original intention of going to the Sandusky Indians & returned to the Fort McIntosh about Christmas. Robert McCready was our Adjutant the other field Officers he does not recollect. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born? – Answer in the year 1744 the 26th of March.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Ans. I have none but have seen it in my Father's Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer I lived at a frontier Fort on the waters of the Ohio about 30 miles below Pittsburg during the war & until the year 1796 when I removed to the Kaskaskia River in the State of Illinois where I have lived until lately. I have lived with a son in law in this County where I now reside.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom? On the requisition of Colonel Gibson the several

² KANE, Elias Kent, a Senator from Illinois; born in New York City on June 7, 1794; attended the public schools; graduated from Yale College in 1813; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Nashville, Tenn.; moved to Kaskaskia, Ill., in 1814; appointed judge of the Territory of Illinois; delegate to the first State constitutional convention in 1818; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1820 to the Seventeenth Congress; first secretary of State of Illinois 1820-1824; member, State house of representatives 1824; elected to the United States Senate in 1824; reelected in 1831 and served from March 4, 1825, until his death in Washington, D.C., December 12, 1835; chairman, Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses (Nineteenth through Twenty-first Congresses), Committee on Private Land Claims (Twenty-first through Twenty-third Congresses), Committee on Public Lands (Twenty-second Congress); interment in the family cemetery on the old Kane farm, near Fort Gage, Ill. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=K000006>

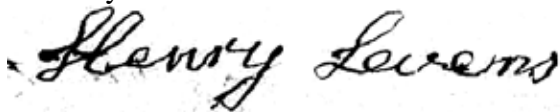
Companies were to furnish a quota of men & I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served.
Answer General McIntosh, Colonel Broadhead, Colonel Gibson, Captains Biggs, Captain Samuel Brady & Captain Campbell

6th Did you ever receive a Commission & if so by whom was it signed & what has become of it?
Answer. I received a Commission signed by Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia. It is lost or mislaid with other old papers.

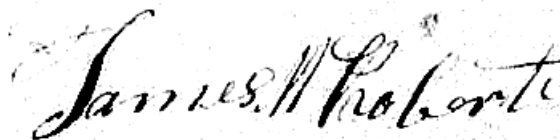
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Answer. Ninian Edwards (who he insisted on my taking a Captain's Commission in the last war while he was Governor of Illinois Territory), Elias K Kane Senator in Congress, James McRoberts, Enoch Moore General James B Moore and many others of this County.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 3rd day of June A.D. 1833

S/ Henry Levens



And on the same day personally came James McRoberts³ who being sworn in Open Court deposed and saith that he was Intimately acquainted with Mr. Henry Levens from the year 1779 to the present time and knows that he served with him on one campaign mentioned in his declaration, and from the common report of the neighborhood he served the several tours mentioned by him & furnished his horse & ammunition at his own expense. Sworn & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James McRoberts



[Peter Rogers, a clergyman, and John Ryan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois in Monroe County: On this 29th day of July in the [year] A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for said County Henry Levens – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make this addition to the foregoing Declaration. That he served in the United States service as in the following declaration Stated – At Holliday's Cove one month, at the Mingo Bottom Settlement one month, Beach Bottom Settlement one month, at Fort Wheeling one month, on a campaign with Colonel Broadhead up the Allegheny River against the Munsey [Muncie] Indians two months and one week – one against the Mingo & Delaware Indians – one month and four days – one campaign under the command of General McIntosh – at least seven months and ten days – making in all fourteen months & twenty-one days.

S/ Henry Levens

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$49 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months and 21 days in the Virginia service.]

³ FPA W2225