

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Levi Odom W10093 (Patience Herrin, former widow) fn73NC

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State of South Carolina Marion District

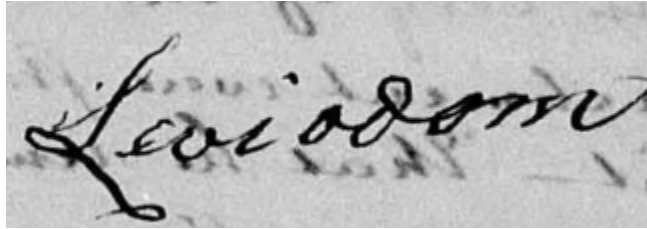
On this the 12th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting at Marion Court House in & for the District of Marion & State aforesaid Levi Odom a resident in said District & State, who being sworn according to law, makes oath that he was seventy-three years old in the month of May last – That he was born in Gates County North Carolina the Virginia line. That the first service he performed was as a volunteer for five months in the militia service – that he does not recollect whether his first service was under the command of Captain Ketterel or Bethea (having served under both) – Major Harrell commanded his Battalion & Colonel Dozier the Regiment – The militia rendezvoused at North West River at the Plank bridge and the whole party was commanded by General Gregory – that they built a Fort at that place. The main body of the enemy was stationed at Norfolk and a detachment were stationed at Camps landing and there built a Fort – That he remained on duty six months and was frequently engaged in skirmishes with the enemy and one of a party who made an unsuccessful attack upon that Fort in the night time – He thinks it was the same year this service was performed he was drafted for three months – that he marched he thinks in the month of July or August (he knows it was warm weather) under the command of Captain Sumner and joined the Army at Hillsboro North Carolina – his Regiment was commanded by Colonel Thomas Pugh of Roanoke and thinks the whole was commanded by General Sumter – General Sumner however was in the Army – The Army under Gates was defeated during the time. They was on the march and their party returned to Hillsboro where he was discharged after the expiration of the time for which he was drafted – he next volunteered under the command of (as he believes) of Captain Smith – His Major was James Wells & his Colonel was Scasebook Wells [sic, ?] – He marched to Williamsburg Virginia and under the command of General Washington from thence he marched to York and was with the Army at the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis & his Army and remained with the Army for about three weeks and until the Army was discharged – he is unable to state the particular time he was out but thinks it was at least two months – that in the month of May following he removed to Marion District & State aforesaid & has continued to reside since that time. That he has not preserved any of his discharges – that he does not know of any of his acquaintances during his tours of duty are now alive and upon whom he could call to prove his service. That he is unable to fix the

dates of his service with anything like precision.

And he does hereby relinquish 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 whatever

Sworn to before the & subscribed in open Court the day & year above written
S/ J B Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ Levi Odom

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Levi Odom" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The signature is centered horizontally and occupies most of the width of the image.

[Hugh Godbold, a clergyman and Thomas Evans gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: on February 19, 1858 in Marion District South Carolina, Patience Herrin, 51, filed a claim stating she is the widow of Levi Odom, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Marion district in 1830; that they were married by Henry Berry, a magistrate; that her name prior to her marriage was Patience Bird; that Levi Odom died in 1844; and that she is filing this claim to obtain the bounty land due her as his widow under the 1855 act.]

[fn p. 17: on February 19, 1858 in Marion district South Carolina, Patience Herrin, 51, filed a claim stating she is the widow of Levi Odom, deceased pensioner of the United States, pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum; that she married him in 1830; that they were married by Henry Berry, a magistrate; that her name prior to her marriage was Patience Byrd; that her husband Levi Odom died at Gum Swamps in Marion district in 1844; and that she files this claim to obtain a pension under the 1853 act.]

[other facts in the file: Patience Odom married in 1846, Edmund Herrin, a Methodist preacher, who died September 18, 1856 in Marion District South Carolina; the widow survived the Civil War and file for the reinstatement of her pension.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]