

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rice Levi (Levy) W5314 Priscilla Levi f41VA
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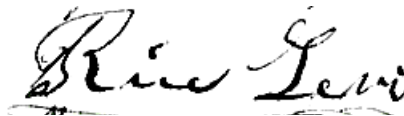
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State of Tennessee Anderson County: SS

On this 10th day of July 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before us Arthur Crozier, Samuel Dunn and Robert Galbraith three of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County now sitting Rice Levi a resident of said County and State in the said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee aged 69 years who after 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in Westmoreland County Virginia in what is now King George County on the 18th day of May 1764 as he was informed by his parents and he has seen it in the family Bible. He has no record of his age. He was living in King George County Virginia at which place sometime in May 1780 as well as he can recollect he was drafted to guard the Potomac River to keep the British from landing and going through the Country under Captain Townsen Dade in Colonel Robert Stith's Regiment Rendezvoused at Boyd's hole at the time last aforesaid Marched to where the British shipping was in late opposite to them and moved as they moved and guarded the shore till they left the River which was five weeks which was sometime in June 1780 we were then dismissed with orders to be ready at a minute's warning with our guns knapsacks three days provision &c. Again while living at the same place the Captain's company was divided and he fell into Captain Robert Yates company sometime in July or August 1780 he was drafted or called by his officers to go into service which he did Rendezvoused at Boyd's hole under said Captain Yates and marched to where the British shipping were and guarded the shore till they left that part of the Country which was two weeks we were then dismissed and went home. He was immediately called on again and served another tower [tour] of two weeks under the same officer and in the same way as the last. Again while living at the same place in the early part of February 1781 he was drafted to guard the River Rendezvoused at Boyd's hole under said Captain Robert Yates we were stationed at the place of Rendezvous lay there five weeks expecting the British shipping they did not come and we were dismissed or discharged served at this time five weeks. Again while living at the same place immediately after we got home we were called upon again which was in March 1781 Rendezvoused at Boyd's hole under the said Captain Robert Yates marched to the mouth of Machodock [Machodoc] Creek there we came in sight of a British vessel we followed her movements about two weeks she then went down the River the next day there was eight sale [sail] appeared in the River they moved up the River and we marched as near with

them as we could until we got to the said place of rendezvous they passed on up the River and we lay there: about six weeks at which time the British returned we followed them down to Machodack Creek we lay there till the British shipping disappeared he was then Honorably but verbally discharged in May 1781 he served at this time two months and one week. Again the next day after he got home he was called on by his officers to meet at Joseph Rogers house which he did under said Captain Robert Yates in Colonel John Skinker Regiment marched to the Heights of the little falls of the Rappahannock River for the purpose of cooperating with General Lafayette to oppose Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton], we were however stationed at that place lay there some time and then marched to fall month lay there some time then marched to Fredericksburg lay there to oppose the British if they came there they passed by to the South of us we lay there some time and was then honorably but verbally discharged he served at this time two months he was discharged in July 1781. He served in the whole seven months and two weeks for which he claims a pension. He may be mistaken as to some of the dates but he is certain he served the full time above stated. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service. 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 of the agency of any state. There is no clergyman living immediately in his neighborhood and he knows of no one whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the report of his service. He has lived since the Revolutionary War in the following places to wit He continued to live in said King George County till the year 1808 at which time he moved to Knox County Tennessee, lived there about seven or eight years, he then moved to Anderson County and has lived there ever since. His service was all performed in the Militia as a drafted soldier. He was not a volunteer nor a Substitute. He was acquainted with Captain Read of the Cavalry who served with him a part of the fifth tour above stated there was no Continental or militia regiments where he served except what is mentioned above and he has stated the general circumstances of his service according to the best of his knowledge and belief. He never did receive a written discharge from the service nor a commission. He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with John O'Neal Esquire, Benjamin R Hackney, B P Hackney all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe that he served as a soldier of the revolution. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ Robert Levi

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rice Levi". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Robert Levi".

[B R Hackney and B P Hackney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 5: On April 14, 1853, Priscilla Levi (formerly Priscilla Hackney), 61, widow of Rice Levi filed a claim stating that she married him in Knox County Tennessee on the 5th day of August 1819; that her husband departed this life in Anderson County Tennessee February 12, 1847; that her husband was the son of Abraham Levi and Ann his wife. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 19: Certified copy of a marriage bond dated August 5, 1819 issued to Rice Levi and Thomas Hudabing in Knox County Tennessee conditioned upon the marriage of Rice Levi to Priscilla Hackney.]

[p 37: Barton Hackney and Ann Armstrong gave testimony on November 28, 1853 in Knox

County Tennessee that they were present at the marriage of Rice Levi and his wife is still Levi who lived together as man and wife until the death of Rice Levi in 1841. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran or his widow is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 15 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]