

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Levi W773

Mary Levi

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In the matter of Isaac Levi: Application for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7, A.D. 1832

Recorded in Book F, page 87 Edward Patton Clerk

The State of Indiana, Switzerland County, SS:

On this 18th day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable the Circuit court of the County aforesaid being a court of record, Isaac Levi, a resident of Switzerland County Indiana aged eighty-two 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 the 7th of June, A.D. 1832 – that he, the said Isaac Levi entered the service of the United States during the American Revolutionary War, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated – That he, the said Isaac Levi served in a company commanded by Robert Paterson, having enlisted in 1780 at Lexington, Virginia (now Kentucky) and served for upwards of two years: –

And, that he hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

The Court, then propounded the following interrogatories to the said Isaac Levi.

1. Where, and in what year were you born? I was born in Hungary on the __ day of February A.D. 1749.
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it? I have no record of my age = I was about 17 years old when I arrived in America.
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war; and where do you now live? I lived in Lexington and continued in Kentucky about 40 years = I lived in Ohio, about 5 or 6 years = and in Indiana the balance of the time.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted – did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?
I enlisted.
5. State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Samuel McMullen held some office, I do not remember what. Robert Todd, was also an officer = Major Crittenden [probably John Crittenden] (a son-in-law of a Governor of Virginia) & William Hayden, was along.

He the said Isaac Levi, enlisted at Lexington in Virginia (now Kentucky) in the month of June A.D. 1780, in a company of militia of said State of Virginia (now Kentucky) commanded by

Captain Robert Paterson. After said company was organized, it was marched from Lexington, to the mouth of Licking River on the Ohio = Captain McGarry's company together with 3 or 4 other companies were with us. At the mouth of Licking we joined General Clark's [George Rogers Clarke's] forces from the falls of the Ohio, and were afterwards under his command = from the mouth of Licking, we crossed the Ohio to the Garrison or Fort Washington, drew some provisions there and then marched to Pickaway town, on the big Miami River, and destroyed their town and had a pretty severe engagement with them, and after much hard fighting the them = we took a number of scalps &. The Indians having destroyed two stations, Riddles [Ruddle's Station] & Martin's and taking all the inhabitants prisoners = we pursued them and followed their trail to the above mentioned towns = After destroying said town our troops returned to Fort Washington and crossed the Ohio River to the mouth of Licking = from thence we descended the Ohio River and lay there some time and then went with keel boats up the Wabash River to post Vincent (now known as Vincennes, Indiana) and lay there about fifteen or eighteen months and while there we built a garrison: (at the falls of Ohio, before we started for post Vincent, he the said Isaac Levi was transferred to Captain Benjamin Harrison's Company (Captain Harrison commanded the artillery company at the Pickaway towns in A.D. 1780) from Fort Vincent we returned in keel boats to the falls of Ohio, where he said Isaac Levi was discharged after having served upwards of two years. James Harriss was one of our spies against the Pickaway towns = 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?

I received a written discharge, it was signed by General Clark and have lost it.

7. 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Andrew C Forbes, Joseph Hayes, Thomas Mounts

8. Have you any documentary evidence of your services, and do you know of any person now living whose testimony you can procure to testify to your services?

I have none and know of nobody now living by whom I can prove the same.

S/ Isaac Levi, X his mark

[John Pavy, a clergyman, and Joseph Hayes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: On March 26, 1853 in Jefferson County Indiana, Mary Levi, late Mary Tucker, 50 years old made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Tucker¹ who was a pensioner upon the pension rolls of the United States and drew a pension of \$96 per year and was a resident of Ripley County Indiana; that she married John Tucker in Scott County Kentucky sometime in the month of February 1833 and that he died November 14, 1840 in Ripley County Indiana; and that she was a widow at the time the act was passed under which he claims a pension. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 72: On March 26, 1853 in Jefferson County Indiana, Mary Levi, 50, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act as the widow of Isaac Levi, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him on November 14, 1841 (at which time her name was Polly Tucker); that her husband died September 21, 1850. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p: 15: Record in the Ripley County Indiana court records indicating the issuance of a marriage license for the marriage of Isaac Levi Senior and Polly Tucker; said license being dated

November 12, 1841.]

[Note: Facts in file: The veteran died September 21, 1850 in Ripley County Indiana; his widow died October 14, 1853; in a document dated 1854 [p 36] reference is made to 2 children of John and Mary Tucker and that at the time of her death, the widow left several children "some of which are not of age" but no names of these children are contained in the file materials. There is extensive correspondence in this file dealing with the issue of whether or not the widow could claim pensions under both her husbands, both of whom were revolutionary war pensioners. The law only allowed her to draw pension under one of her husbands. I believe her prior husband was probably the same man as [John Tucker NC13](#) although the materials in the file do not offer any resolution of the apparent conflicts in the date of death of her first husband John Tucker. In the documents in this file she states that John Tucker died November 14, 1840 in Ripley County Indiana but the war Department files indicate that he died in Ripley County Indiana on December 14, 1840.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]