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Pension Application of Judas Levi W8037

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[The first item below is a deposition in the pension application of Henry Shaw S36756]
Judas Levi deposes that he was a soldier under the command of Abraham Buford, and attached to the company of Capt. Thomas Harard [Thomas Hoard], when the said Buford was defeated at the hanging rock in South Carolina [Battle of Waxhaws 12 miles N of Hanging Rock, 29 May 1780]. That he was wounded badly in said engagement, and is now on the pension list, at the rate of eight dollars per month, in consequence of said wound. That he was acquainted with Henry Shaw, the person named in the above petition, at the time said battle was fought, and knows that he was then in the public service; was badly wounded in said engagement, and made a prisoner; but whether he was paroled, he does not know. That the said Shaw was either a private or non-commissioned officer when he was taken prisoner. The deponent was paroled, and placed in a hospital, and never saw Shaw afterwards until he met with him in Fleming county, State of Kentucky, where he now lives. Sworn to before the undersigned this 14th of June 1817

We do hereby certify that we have examined Judas Levi who was said to be been wounded in the Revolutionary War, & find that the wounds which he formerly rec'd. still continue & we believe will always continue & the wounds extend as to the loss of his left Eye & wounds of the head.

Given under our hands this 9th. of Nov. 1819 [signed] B. Duke M W Owens

Maysville 12th June 1820

We the subscribers practicing physicians of the Town of Maysville in Kentucky do hereby certify that after a careful examination of the case of Judas Levi, who states that he was placed on the pension Roll of Virg. and transferred to the pension Roll of Pennsylvania [sic] on which he does continue. It being a total disability of the first degree (viz) his left eye being cut out as he says and we believe by a cutlass — his nose & face scarrified — his scull fractured with the same weapon and a wound in his thigh by a bayonet. The degree of disability is in our opinion not less than the original degree of disability for which he was placed on the pension Roll

[signed] Wilson Coburn [first name illegible] Johnston

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Mason County

Sworn and subscribed to before me John Brown one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for s'd County this 13th day of June 1820 J Brown

State of Ohio

Brown County Sct.

On this 24th day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace of Brown County in the State of Ohio Mary Levi of said County and State aged Seventy two years on the 10th day of January last who having affirmed according to law doth by her affirmation make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows." That she is the Widow of Judas Levi who was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States in consequence of wounds received in Bufords Defeat in South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. That the said Judas Levi was placed on the Pension list of the united states a short time before or after she was married to said Levi she does not now recollect which, That said Judas Levi continued on the Pension list for many years and drew his Pension at Richmond in the State of Virginia. That she does not know personally about the Revolutionary service of the said Levi but she presumes the evidence by

which he was put on said list is filed in the Department of War of the United States. That she has been informed that said Levi, and others, by some act of Congress was stricken from the Rolls but this was some years after the said Levi moved from Fauquier County state of Virginia to Wayne County State of Kentucky which was in the year 1801. She further states that after said Levi moved to Kentucky he continued to draw his pension at Richmond State of Virginia for some years & until his name was stricken from the Rolls. That subsequently to that event as she has been informed the said Judas Levi was again put on the Pension list on the Certificates of examining surgeons and of the said Colo Buford who was his Commandant a part of the time he served in the Revolutionary War but she cannot recollect when this took place as she has not in her possession the pension Certificate, he having left it in the possession of a Rev. Morton of Maysville in Kentucky who several times drew the stipend as the attorney in fact of the said Judas Levi as she believes — but if the said Certificate can be found it will with the affidavit of said Morton, be attached to this Declaration.

She further Declares that she has been informed that said Judas Levi enlisted or volunteered in the service of the United States in the County of Fauquier State of Virginia for five years in one of the Virginia Regiments. That in Bufords defeat he was desperately wounded & taken prisoner & that he was in the British Hospital for about thirteen months when he was discharged on his parole [promise not to serve as a soldier unless exchanged for a British prisoner] but after his return home he broke his Parol and Enlisted in the Virginia service on Continental Establishment for during the war.

She may be mistaken as to the said Judas Levi having been stricken from the Rolls as she finds amongst his papers a printed act of Congress of the 3^d March 1819 requiring the examination of all Invalid Pensions by two Surgeons or Physicians and their Certificate of the disability of said Pensioner, a Certificate of B Duke & M. W. Owens two Physicians dated 9th Nov 1819 and the affidavit of said Levi therein. also a letter from the Hon^{ble} Thomas Metcalfe, then a member of Congress from Kentucky, to said Levi dated the 16th day of February 1820 informing him that he had deposited his papers in the War Office. In the affidavit made by said Levi it is stated that he had deposited his original certificate in the War Office. Said certificate and affidavit is hereto attached. She further declares that she was married to the said Judas Levi on the 22^d day of October 1783, as well as she now recollects, in the County of Fauquier & State of Virginia by Parson Monroe, this was after the said Levi had quit the service. That her husband the said Judas Levi died on the 24th day of June 1829. that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four; viz at the time stated. X Since the foregoing was written the said John M. Morton was applied to for said Pension Certificate, by her agent Elias Levi who states that said Morton replied to him, that he had given said certificate to said Judas Levi two years before his death; said Certificate is therefore lost if not yet in Morton's possession. She refers to the affidavit of the said Judas Levi — she further Declares that she has no Documentary evidence in her possession in relation to the service of said Judas Levi but refers to the evidence in the Department of War. She states that she has not been married since the death of the said Judas Levi but is still his Widow, and that she knows of no person by whom she can prove her marriage but she has caused a letter to be written to the Clerk of the County Court of Fauquier County Virginia for a copy of the record of her marriage which if obtained will be transmitted to the War Department.

Mary herXmark Levi

[The following are among the [pension files in the Library of Virginia](#). Parts of the online images are illegible.]

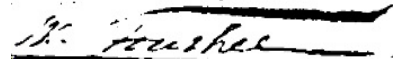
I do with the advice of Council hereby certify that Judah Levi, aged about 28 years, late a private in Buford's detachment and whose pay was at the rate of £24 per annum, was disabled in the service of the United States by several wounds in his head and face and a wound by a bayonet through the left thigh; and that he is continued on the pension list with the annual allowance of fifteen pounds, from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Comonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 30th day of

January 1789
T. Meriwether



Judah Levi who appears to be about twenty eight years of age having applied for Examination [one or two illegible words] several wounds on the Head & Face, one of which has penetrated through the skull & he says and I believe [several illegible words] – the wound on the face has totally destroyed the left eye Ball which has [two or three illegible words] disappeared [one or two illegible words] a constant discharge from the socket, the [several illegible words] – he has likewise [illegible word] a wound in the Thigh which appears to have been done with a Bayonet & which must do him considerable injury in walking as the [illegible word] was quite through the thigh & the adhesion of the muscles, from [several illegible words] – all those wounds he says were received in Colo. Bufords Defeat – his disability to support himself by his Labour only is certainly great & his sufferings have been extreme. Jan. 31, 1789
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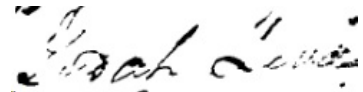
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Fauquier County towit April [?] 1789

Judah Levi having produced a pension [?] for the sum of Fifteen pounds yearly and made oath [?]ing to law it is ordered that the Sheriff pay him Forty [?] it being for three years allowance Copy

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[The online image of a receipt for a pension payment is mostly illegible except for the following, which may be a true signature:]



[The following is among [bounty-warrant papers of the Library of Virginia](#).]

I do hereby certify that Judas Levi who is now a resident of Maysville in the State of Kentucky was a soldier in Captain Thomas Howards [sic: Thomas Hoard's] company and Joined my Regiment on Continental establishment at Petersburg Virginia in the spring of the year 1779 that he marched with the Regiment to the south and continued with it until the defeat at Waxsaws Carolina, on the 29th of May in the year 1780 when and were he Judas Levi was very badley wounded by which wounds in his head he lost his left eye he says that so soon as able he returned to Richmond in Virginia and after remaining there some time in the hospital joined the army again and remained in actual service until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and his army at York in the fall of the year [19 Oct] 1781

I did many years agoe Certify the service of the said Judas Levi which Certificate I am inform'd by letter from Marshal Key was put into the hands of William Marshall of Virginia for the purpose of obtaining said Judas's military land warrant, the said William Marshall shortly after died since which the said Certificate has not been found. Said Judas's service was in the Virg'a line on Continental establishment

Given under my hand in Scott County State of [online image ends here]

NOTE: The file includes a copy of the will of Judas Levi of Mason County KY dated 7 Oct 1824, leaving his estate to Mary Levi. Other documents in the file indicate that her maiden name was Mary Magraw, that she was born 10 Jan 1766, and that Elias Levi was her son.