Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Henry Level VAS896 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

I do hereby Certify that Henry Levil [sic] inlisted in 3rd Regt. L. Dragoons in April 81 for the War but came off with the Revolted Soldiers¹ in May 83

Colo. Meriwether S/ William Barrett, formerly Captain

Baylor's Regt. Dragoons

Richmond November 11, 1784

A Copy S/ Philip Southall

Sir, Pleas to deliver on to Mr. John Thomas a Certificate for Land due me for my Services and Oblige

To Yr. Most. Obt.

Colo. Meriwether S/ Henry Livil [sic], X his mark

November 12th 1784

[wrong file for the following] Land Office January 15th, 1824

It does not appear by the Books in this office, that any Military Land bounty warrant has issued to Judas Levi, in consideration of services performed by him in the Revolutionary War.

S/ J. Robertson Jr. Reg L. Off.

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¹ Veteran must have been a participant in the mutiny which occurred in Baylor's Corps in South Carolina. E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787* (Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 2007, p 104) states: "On November 9, 1782, the 1st and 3d regiments of Continental Light Dragoons were merged into a unit of five troops, nominally commanded by the ailing George Baylor, but actually commanded by Major [John] Swan. The consolidated regiments remained in South Carolina until peace was declared. On hearing of the peace, about half the men elected Sergeant-Major William Dangerfield as their leader, seized the remaining horses, and rode homeward. By their mutiny they forfeited their pensions and bounty lands. The other cavalrymen, unhorsed by the mutineers, were eventually picked up by a troop transport and taken home by sea to collect their discharges."