Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Levi Young W9040 Transcribed by Will Graves Nancy Young f56GA/NJ/SC rev'd 7/24/16

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[p 5] South Carolina, Pickens District

On the 12th day of March 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pickens now sitting Levi Young a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged 74 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 act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in 1779 was pressed himself wagon and team to haul provisions to Sussex Court House in West Jerseys from the minisinks for about the space of one month, then was drafted to go in quest of Tories for two or three weeks the officers names not recollected, and then entered the service under Captain Herrod for the space of four months and helped to build a fort at the falls of Ohio and guard the new settlements against the Indians, was then verbally discharged by the Captain.

Thence went into Georgia and in 1781 was drafted in the Militia under Captain Grant for two months in Richmond County State of Georgia and thence marched to Augusta Georgia, and there discharged verbally by Captain Grant.

In March 1782 he was drafted in the Militia under Captain John Thompson for three months in Colonel Fare's [sic, Fair's ?] Regiment – rendezvoused at the waters of Thicketty Creek near the road leading to Charleston Union District South Carolina when they thence marched to Congaree fort, where they remained in that station for some days, and from thence they marched to Orangeburg Village and stationed in the Barracks, and there were guarded the Tory prisoners until the expiration of the three months then was discharged by the Captain verbally.

Was born in almost 22nd 1758 in Morris County East New Jersey Rocksbury Township has a record of his age, living in Sussex County, when called into service, and since the revolutionary [war] lived in South Carolina and now lives in Pickens District South Carolina he knows of no documentary evidence nor any Person whose Testimony can be procured to testify to his services except what is hereunto annexed. And 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 any Agency of any State.

S/ William L. Keith, C. C.

S/ Levi Young

[John Cobb, a clergyman, and Benjamin Hagood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 17: On November 15, 1842, Nancy Young, about 90, applied in Pickens District, SC, for a widow's pension stating that Levi died February 3, 1838; that she married him March 15, 1782. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: On February 22, 1843 Nancy Young made application in Pickens District South Carolina for a widow's pension stating that at the time of her marriage to Levi Young she lived with her father on or near the Pacolet River near Grindal Shoals in Union District South Carolina; the war was raging at the time of her marriage; that she "is positive as to his [her husband's] having been out in the service after their marriage, and she thinks all of the service he done was after that time; during the absence of her Husband she remained in the House with her Father, and the Tories came to the House, one of them were drawing his Sword upon her Father and together with the others in company, drove her Father to the Swamp where he fled for safety, after which they took his Horse and plundered the family of other things such as they wanted, ... that she also recollects to have heard the Guns at the Battle not far from which he lived, which she thinks was Tarleton's defeat [Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781], having been sent by her mother to a neighbor's to get medicine for some of the family who were sick; she thinks, her husband was in some other part of the country and not in the battle spoken of.

"She recollects to have seen the Red Coats frequently, and to have heard much complaint of their plundering in the neighborhood, and great distress throughout the country from fear of death and plunder, House burning &c amongst the women and children; she recollects, on one occasion to have found a handsome Kettle where it was supposed to have been lost by the enemy, which was taken from her by [Capt.] ... Thompson, and which Colonel Wood heard, & threatened to make him give it up to her, but never done so."]

[Facts in file: p 21: Joseph Young, son of Levi and Nancy Young gave a supporting affidavit in which he stated that his parents moved into his house to live with him about one year before the death of his Father; that they brought with them the Family Bible kept by his Father "...in which he recorded the marriage of himself & wife and the births of their children, amongst which is to be found birth of this deponent, which is in the following words, 'Joseph Young was born March 25, 1785.' And the marriage of Levi Young and Nancy Marchbanks (the maiden name of this deponent's mother) in words as follows 'Levi Young married to Nancy Marchbanks March 15, 1782." Bible record:

Phineas born January 27, 1784

Joseph born March 25, 1785, married Amy; living in Pickens Dist. SC in 1842

Patience born October 6, 1786

Stephen born October 23, 1788

George born April 15, 1790

William born February 8, 1792

John born June 10, 1794

Cyrus born December 6, 1797

Joseph young

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for

service as a private for 9 months and 14 days in the militia of various states. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]