

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Levi Casey R1777

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State of Illinois Franklin County Sct: On this 28th day of September 1835 personally appeared in open court before the County Commissioners Court of the County and State aforesaid now sitting Levi Casey a resident in the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-eight years who having 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. He was born in Spartanburg County in the State of South Carolina in the year 1767 as he was informed and believes by his parents. The record of his age is contained as he believes in a family Bible of his father, which is now in possession of his brother Zadock Casey in the County of Jefferson in this State. He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the month of March or April 1782 for 6 months under one Captain Major Parsons [Major Parson], who as he this deponent was informed and believes was ordered by Colonel John Thomas to raise a small company of men to guard the frontier. He joined the co [company] immediately in the same County at a little village called Ballard town since included in Greenville County South Carolina the company was under the command of said Parsons, being the highest officer in command near the place and was stationed at said village of Ballard town for the protection of the frontier settlements, where they built a small fort. They were employed in scouring the country round about spying out for the enemy for the space of six months during which time this declarant was in actual service. But there was no action, skirmish or any occurrence of historical note during his continuance in service, that took place between this company to which he belonged and the Indians or enemy. They were marched to no other place, and served with no Continental Regiment or Regular troops, and consequently he is not acquainted with any of the officers, or the names of the officers of any. He was discharged from the service by Captain Parsons, but he thinks it was only a verbal discharge – if he had a written discharge he does not now recollect, nor does he now know what has become of it. He has no documentary evidence of his service, he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service nor of any person by whom he can establish any facts above stated. He moved from the place of his birth to Warren County Kentucky, thence to Smith County Tennessee, thence to Dixon County Tennessee – thence to Pope County Illinois: thence to Johnson County Illinois and thence to Franklin County Illinois where he now resides. He is well acquainted with Dempsey Odum a clergyman and Willis Allen, John L Davis and a great many others who can testify as to their belief of, and the reputation of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to an annuity or pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any

State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Levi Casey". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ S. M. Hubbard, Clk.

[John Browning, a clergyman, and the Willis Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

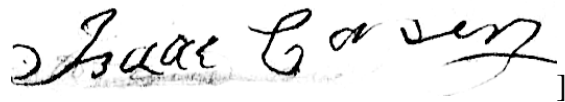
State of Illinois Franklin County: Sct.

On this 5th day of December 1838 personally appeared in open Court before John Crawford & Cyrus Campbell 2 of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court in and for the County of Franklin, the same being a Court of Record Levi Casey aged seventy-one years and at present a resident of Franklin County aforesaid 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 June the 7th 1832: that he the said Levi Casey volunteered for the term of 6 months and to the best of his knowledge home first of April in the year 1783, in the state of South Carolina in the company of Captain Major Parsons who raised a volunteer company by the command of Colonel John Thomas Colonel of militia in the County of Spartanburg in said State, which company was stationed on the frontier to watch the motions of the Indians, that on the first day of April 1783 he was stationed at a Fort in said County on the frontier and on the 10th of April or after he had been in the Fort about 10 days he together with 3 others of his company were ordered by Captain Parsons to go in search of Indians and spies; that he accordingly on the said days started on horseback and leaving the Fort, which stood on the Tyger River, they crossed the River to the waters of the North fork of the Saluda River South Carolina a distance of about 20 miles, where they remained about 4 days and returned to the Fort again about the 16th of the same month; during this tour he saw one Indian near the dividing Ridge between the Tyger and Saluda Rivers, and gave him chase, but he effected his escape; that after their return to the Fort they remained in Fort 2 months without leaving the Fort when again he was ordered to take a similar route with the same number of men again performed a similar tour of service without however seeing any Indians and returned again to the Fort, where he remained until he was discharged while he was on the 1st day of October in the same year; was verbally discharged by his Captain Major Parsons; he was acquainted with General Levi Casey this deponents cousin, Colonel Roebuck & Colonel Miller of North Carolina, Rutherford County, who were in the Army of the revolution, but whether in the regulars or militia he cannot now state that this deponent was born in the November of the year 1767 in Spartanburg County where he resided until he volunteered: that at the time he volunteered his brothers Isaac Casey and Abraham PKC were too young to perform military duty, that accompanied this deponent and his father who was a volunteer in same company to the Fort and remained there the said 6 months; they are now residing in Jefferson County in this State and can testify to the truth of what this deponent has stated; the following are his reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; some time elapsed before this deponent was aware of his being entitled to a Pension under the act of Congress; that as soon as he was informed of his right he employed one Walker B. Scates an attorney then residing in Frankfurt in said County of Franklin as his agent to procure his said Pension; that the said Scates made a mistake in drawing the declaration in stating that the deponent was in the militia service, whereas this deponent made no such statement: he was a volunteer, was about 16 years of age when he volunteered, and was sufficiently able to perform

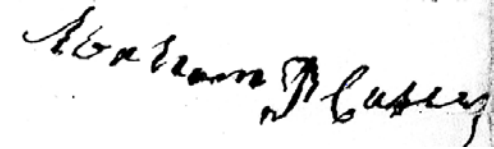
duty as a volunteer. That it was not until the 22nd January 1838 that the said Scates (who has since left Frankfurt) communicated to him the result of his application to this Department; that this deponent has a record of his age & his brother Zadoc Casey has possession of it; After this deponent left his Captain on his discharge aforesaid, he moved over the line into Greenville County; in his 28th year he moved out of Greenville into Logan County Kentucky; he lived 4 years in Logan County Kentucky and then moved into Smith County Tennessee, where he lived about 3 years: he afterwards lived in Johnson County in this State into which County he removed when he left Tennessee: he resided in Johnson about 19 years and then moved into this County where he has continued to reside until the present time; that his brothers, Isaac and Abraham are generally acquainted with the circumstances of his life; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Levi Casey

[p 17: Isaac Casey gave a supporting affidavit dated December 10, 1838

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Casey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. A small bracket is visible at the end of the signature.

[p 18: Abraham P. Casey gave a supporting affidavit dated December 7th, 1838

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[facts in file: Levi Casey stated that his father (name not given) was a volunteer in the same company with him. Zadock Casey, a brother of Levi Casey, was living in Jefferson County, Illinois, in 1835. In 1838 Levi Casey's brothers, Isaac, aged 68 years, and Abraham P, aged 66 years, were living in Jefferson County, Illinois. In 1854 it is stated that Levi Casey was dead in reference was made to his children but knows names are set forth in this file.]