Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Levenston (Lowenstein) W3614 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Anne Levenston

MD

State of Pennsylvania Somerset county sct

On this fourth day of September eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared before the Judges of the court of common pleas in & for said county of Somerset, (being a court of record and having a common seal) David Levenston a resident of the township of Shade in the county and commonwealth aforesaid aged about 76 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in or about the year 1780 as a substitute militia man for his father Andrew Levenston, in a company commanded by Captain Peter Kassel in the county of Frederick & state of Maryland for the term of two months - that he served the period of the said two months in guarding prisoners in the said county of Frederick. That he does not recollect the names of the Major & Colonel under whom Captain Peter Kassel served. That he entered the service of the United States a second time on the first Monday in March A.D. seventeen hundred and eighty one by volunteering under Captain Peter Troutman for the term of nine months in the county of Frederick aforesaid, that he marched to Georgetown, through the lower parts of Maryland, and into Virginia – that he was at Yorktown at the time Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington [19 Oct 1781], that he helped to guard some of the prisoners there taken. That he served a great portion of his time in pursuit of the tories, we put over two hundred of them into jail at Frederick town, Maryland & guarded them there – that he served out his term of nine months and received his discharge which was signed by Major Bailey – but that the discharge was lost about thirty six years ago by accident. That the company of Peter Troutman was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Johnston – that he (this declarant) moved to the place where he now resides about thirty five years ago and has resided there ever since. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any state. That he was born in Lancaster county Pennsylvania in the year 1757 or 1758 – that he moved with his father when four years of age to Frederick county Maryland. And that he served the United States in the War of the Revolution eleven months in the storaged to my fine manner above set forth.

[signed in German illegibly]

State of Pennsylvania Somerset county Ss.

Personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said county of Somerset David Levenston a resident of the township of Shade in said county, who on his solemn oath duly administered doth say and depose in addition to the facts set forth in his Declaration hereto annexed - that he was not employed in any civil pursuit for the time during which the service in the Revolutionary War was performed as set forth in his said declaration but that he was engaged all the time of the two tours of service mentioned in said declaration (viz eleven months) on duty either in the field or in garrison. That he was stationed part of the time at a fort on the Potomac – also at the barracks in Frederick town Maryland guarding tories & prisoners and engaged part of the time in hunting tories and marching through Virginia. That he served all the time of his two tours of duty as a private soldier under the officers mentioned in the declaration herewith attached. And further saith not. Desother Remoderic

Sworn & subscribed this 3rd December 1833 [signed in German] David Lowenstein

Land Office, Annapolis, Feb'y 19th 1846;

Dear Sir [Hon. A. Stuart], In reply to your letter of the 12th Inst., I have to inform you, that I have examined very carefully the muster and pay rolls of the Revolution in this Office and they afford no evidence of the service of David Livinston or Livingston. The officers under whom it is alleged he served, belonged to the Militia troops, and the rolls of the Maryland Militia that served in the Revolution are very imperfect, many of the muster and pay rolls of the Company's are not to be found.

I am very respectfully yrs/ G. G. Brewer

NOTE: On 19 June 1845 Anne Levenston of Paint Township in Somerset County PA, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married David Levenston on 22 June 1793, and he died on 2 July 1843. Her statement was certified by her son-in-law, Henry Faust, who also certified a family record in German, translated below.

On July 22, 1793, David lowenstein and Anna mischler were joined in matrimony In 1794 May 28 at Twili(?) franiga lőwenstein was born 1795 December 27 in [undeciphered] maria lőwenstein was born 1797 on 29 June samuel lőwenstein was born [several undeciphered words]