Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Leverett W4264 Mary G. fn64GA
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State of Georgia Troup County: Court of Ordinary Troup County January Term 1845

On this 13th day of January 1845 personally appeared before the Honorable the Court of Ordinary for said County and State the same being a Court of Record Mrs. Mary G. Leverett a resident of said County and State aged 73 years on the 25th day of March 1845 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress of 7th of July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Thomas Leverett whom she has heard frequently relate the following statements: which she verily believes to be true the is that he the said Thomas resided in Wilkes County State of Georgia and prior to the commencement of the Revolutionary War, That he was frequently and almost continually in the services of the United States as a volunteer and when he was not in service was compelled to keep himself concealed from the Tories and British from the commencement of the war of the Revolution up to the latter part of the year 1779 all of which time been in actual service of the United States he was generally engaged in skirmishing and guarding the neighborhood and frontiers against the Indians Tories and British when the enemy in their neighborhood. That sometime in the first of the year 1780 the said Thomas Leverett volunteered in defense of his Country and proceeded to Columbia Court house State of Georgia and attached himself to Captain John Clarke's Company in the Regiment at that time commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke and served as a private of infantry and cavalry within the Georgia militia for the term of 18 months all of which time as deponent understood and believes under Captain John Clark without intermission. That said company was during the period of said term of service first in Colonel Elijah Clarke's Regiment and served in said Regiment as she understood for some six months and after which time said company was attached to Colonel Joshua Dunn's command and afterwards to a Regiment commanded by Samuel Alexander. That while under Colonel Alexander they were marched to Augusta Georgia sometime in the month of June in the year 1781 and was engaged in the last siege of that City. About ten or fifteen days after said siege Captain John Clarke's company was discharged, that the said Thomas Leverett being one of that Company was legally and honorably discharged and received evidence of the fact in writing from the proper authority, which said written discharge he hailed while performing the service hereafter named viz. about six or eight weeks after he was discharged as above stated he enlisted for the term of three years or during the war in the Georgia Continental line, and entered into the services of the United States, but under what officers of the Army of the Revolution this deponent does not recollect to have ever heard him say and if she did has entirely now forgotten their names, that he was honorably and legally discharged from said service, which discharge she

understood him to say was in writing but he lost the same. And deponent further declares that she was legally married to the said Thomas Leverett on the third day of July 1789 in Wilkes County State of Georgia where they resided for the space of thirty years and moved from thence to Putnam County in said State where they lived for the space of nineteen years and moved from thence to the County of Troup & State aforesaid, where the said Thomas Leverett died on the eighth day of June 1834 leaving her as his widow and that she is still his widow, & that she has no documentary evidence in support of the foregoing last mentioned tax. And deponent further states that the said Thomas Leverett her husband made application for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832 through Esquire Oliver P. Fears in Troup County Georgia a short time prior to his death and that owing to some defect the papers were sent back for amendment and that when her husband the said Thomas Leverett was notified of the fact he was at the time sick and continued in a declining state of health to the day of his death and never complied with the further requisites of the Department. That Deponent has recently understood that she would be entitled to a pension for the services of her husband and made application to Esquire Oliver P. Fears for her husband's original Declaration to support her Statements -- and is informed by him it was considered of no use after her husband's death and was there for destroyed. That she has remained a widow ever since the period of her husband's death. That she was not married prior to her her husband's last service, but was married prior to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated all of which will more fully appear by reference to prove here with annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the day and year first written

S/ Jas. M. Beall, JIC

S/ Mary G. Leverett, X her mark

S/ John Douglass, JIC

S/ J. Green, JIC

S/ Daniel Ware, JIC

Family Record [fn p. 7 et seq.]

Marriages

Ann Leverett was married August 28th 1805

Mariah Leverett was married March the 15th 1814

Jeremiah Leverett was married July the 20th 1815

Catharine Leverett was married December the seventh 1815

Gideon Leverett was married July 13 1819

Matilla Leverett was married to February the 18th 19

Almeda Leverett was married January one 1822

Green [?] Carlisle [?] & Mary E. Leverett was married on Thursday the Evening the 19th of July 1832 So [?] miles [illegible] west of Lee Grange

Abraham a Leverett & Emily R. Dozier was married on Thursday evening the 9th of October A.D. 1834 eight miles West from Lagrange

Births

Thomas Leverett was Born the 12th Day of May 1755

Marian Leverett was born the 25th of March 1772

John Leverett was born February 22nd

[illegible] Leverett was born the 14th of January

Jeremiah Leverett was born December the 22nd 1791

Catherine G[illegible] Leverett was born July the 16th 1793

Maria Leverett was born May the 12th 1795
Thomas Leverett was born May the 11th 1797
Gideon Leverett was born July the 14th 1799
Myrtilla Leverett was born March the [illegible] 1803
Almeda Leverett was born January the 22nd 1806
Milita Leverett was born May [illegible] 1808
Abraham Leverett was born March the 18 1811

State of Alabama Tallapoosa County: I James Vaughan acting Justice of the peace in and for this County and State aforesaid

Be it known that on this the 26th day of November 1846 Personally appeared before me Thomas Black a resident of this County and State aforesaid and his wife Murtillia Black formally Murtillia Leverett Daughter of Thomas Leverett and Mary G. Leverett. Mr. Black aged fifty years past Mrs. Black aged forty-three years past both of them first being duly sworn according to law doth on their oath make the following statements upon oath, That the following Bible leaf hereafter attached is the original family record & registry of the above named Thomas & Mary G. Leverett formerly Mary Griffin that they these deponents has had the aforesaid named Bible containing the said leave and said Registry in their Possession for the last ten years or upwards and that said Registry has never undergone any alteration except that of the date of Jeremiah Leverett's age which is the figure 1791 and Abraham Leverett's with the figures 1811 which figures or dates had become unintelligible by reason of their being tour and that he this deponent entered the above named figures for no other purpose than that of making the dates intelligible and that their Mother Mary G. Leverett having bought a new Bible gave her old Bible to them deponents the said Thomas & Murtillia Black, the battle that is now present and that they resided in Troup County State of Georgia at the time the Bible was presented to them removed from thence to this County and State aforesaid and has resided here for some years past and that they [document ends here.]

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State of Georgia This is to certify that Thomas Leverett hath steadfastly done his duty from the time of passing and Act at Augusta, to wit, on the 20th of August 1781, until the total expulsion of the British from this State; and the said Thomas Leverett cannot to my knowledge or belief be convicted of plundering or distressing the Country; and is therefore, under the said Act, entitled to a Bounty of two hundred fifty acres of good land, free from taxes for ten years.

Given under my hand at Savannah the 20th day of February 1784 S/ Elijah Clarke, Colonel

[fn p. 19: on August 29, 1846 in Pike County Georgia, Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford, 65, gave testimony that Thomas Leverett's first wife died and that he then married Mary G. Griffin who is the widow of the said Thomas Leverett; that they married about the year 1789; that they lived together as man and wife.]

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House of Representatives Mary G. Leverett June 20, 1848 Mr Cummins, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following Report:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and truths of Mary G. Leverett, widow of Thomas Leverett, a revolutionary soldier, for a pension, report:

That they have examined and had the same under consideration. On the 30th day of January, 1845, said petitioner signed and swore to her petition, in which, among other things, she states the following, viz.: That she was 73 years of age on the 25th day of March, 1845[summarizes the above application]...

The petitioner produces the following proof in support of her petition:
Alexander Dunn, ¹ sworn, says: He is 82 years old, (in December 1844,) and was a soldier in the war of the revolution; that he first became acquainted with the said Thomas Leverett at the siege of Augusta, Georgia; that said Leverett was then a soldier in the service of the United States, (Georgia militia,) and was engaged in said siege. In the year 1779 deponent resided in Georgia, about 15 miles from said Leverett. In 1780 deponent volunteered in the service of the United States a second time, and attached himself to Captain John Clark's company of volunteers at Columbia courthouse, and there fell in said Thomas Leverett, also a volunteer, in said company; that the deponent in said Leverett served together and messed together for 18 months in the military service of the United States, and were engaged in no civil pursuit during that time. During this time they were often engaged in skirmishes, but no general engagement except the last siege of Augusta. Shortly after this, deponent and said Leverett were discharged and returned home together, where they remained a short time, when said Leverett again entered in the Georgia Continental line for three years, or during the war. Deponent cannot state what services he rendered under this enlistment.

Alexander Smith, worn, says: That he was a soldier of the revolution in the Georgia line; that he and the said Thomas Leverett both served in Colonel Elijah Clarke's Regiment, but not in the same company; that they were both at the last siege of Augusta, in June, 1781, during the whole conflict; that deponent afterwards served for a short time with said Leverett on the frontiers; that they were engaged together in a battle with the Indians and Tories; that they killed a number of Indians in this engagement, and captured and hung two Tories; that said Everitt was a faithful and active soldier, in the service of the United States, from 1782 the close of the war. Deponent has known said Leverett since the revolution, but not very intimately; but, in talking of family matters, learned from him that he was married to Mary G. Griffin. Leverett moved to Putnam County, where he raised a large family of children. Deponent is fully satisfied that petitioner is the widow of the said Thomas Leverett, with whom he was acquainted.

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¹ Alexander Dunn R3142

² Alexander Smith S16530