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Levens, Henry

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Illinois 19.9.23.

Henry Stevens.

Morgan, in the State of Illinois  
who was a private in the Co. commanded  
by Captain Lee of the Regt commanded  
by Col Broadhead in the Virginia  
Army for 14 mos & 21 days.

\$ 49

Engrailed on the Roll of Illinois  
at the rate of 49 Dollars 00 Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 25 day of Sept.  
1832 and sent to Daniel  
Conover, Waterford, Lenoir Co. Ill.  
Amount to the 1st of Sept 1832 122.50  
Semi-annual allowance ending Apr 1st 1832 24.50  
\$ 147.

Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by M. J. Balmer Clerk,  
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## WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

29 April 1832

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjacent notes you will readily perceive that objections exist which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: { )}. You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

*A Statement, showing the Service of Henry Lewis. Major Co. Illinois*

Period during which service was re- quired.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period.	Evidence by which his decla- ration is sup- ported
	Years	Months	Days							
1778 or 79	Not specified	Since	Col Broad head	Ensign	Col. Steele and	None	Perry's Islands	Perry's Islands	88 years	Testimony of friends
Feb. 1781 as near as he can recollect	Not stated	"	Not mentioned	Col. Steele and	Gen. Washington with Indian army. New England and Ohio	"	"	Virginia	6	"

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

State of Illinois, &c. On the third day of June A.D. Eighteen  
Monroe County, &c. On the third day of June A.D. Eighteen  
hundred and Ninety three personally appeared before Edward  
J. Morgan, Sheriff, & F. Clark, Judge of the County  
Commissioners Court of said County and State now sitting  
Henry Lewis a resident of said County of Monroe aged  
Ninety 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 provisions made by the Act  
of Congress passed June 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1832 - That in the year  
1776 he received a Lieutenant's commission in Captain  
Samuel Peters Commanding of Militia and on the first day  
of April of the same year he was detached with twenty  
five men to guard a settlement at the place called  
Holiday Cove for One Month when he was relieved and  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November of the same year he was  
detached with the same number of men to guard a place  
called the Mingo Bottom Settlement for One Month and  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1777 he was detached with the  
same number of men to guard this Beach Bottom settlement  
for One Month - And on the last day of August 1777  
he was detached with the same number of men to guard  
& defend a little fort at Wheeling on the Ohio River -  
(Mr. Eliz. Kaine a Senator in Congress from this state informed  
me that he took the affidavits of Mr. Eliz. Kaine  
Genes the Prosector of the Town of Wheeling to prove  
the last mentioned service which he filed in the department)  
On the first of August 1779 Captain Samuel Peters  
himself Lieutenant of Ensign William Biggs with sixty  
non commissioned Officers and privates volunteered in  
the service of the United States & mustered into service  
under the command of Col. Daniel Broadhead he  
does not recollect the names of the General or Field Officers

To my witness  
John D. C. [unclear]

gent was acquainted with Captains Brady, Campbell,  
and Bigg of Col<sup>t</sup>. Broadhead's Regiment - we marched over  
a Mountainous Country on the East side of the Allegany  
to a large Village which was <sup>about</sup> ~~about~~ <sup>one hundred</sup> miles <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~ the  
River. Five hundred Miles, as it was called <sup>and</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>the first with</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>and</sup> Crisped  
to the west side of the River, and returned - was no  
general Engagement - but some skirmishing with small  
parties of Indians. In the first week in February 1782 I was called  
by the Order of either Col<sup>t</sup>. Broadhead or Gibson <sup>or</sup>  
which I cannot be certain with our Company on a  
Tour against the Kings of Delaware Indians under  
the command of Col<sup>t</sup>. David Williamson a Militia  
Colonel - we crossed the river of March 1782 to the Drifts  
on the Muskingum River. Killed seventy or eighty  
Indians - destroyed their Village and their Corn and  
returned the first of April. He was attached with his  
Captain & part of the Company to Thomas Bay <sup>also</sup> ~~also~~ <sup>as</sup>  
Commander of the Regiment of Militia - On an Expedition against  
the Indians under the Command of General  
McIntosh, rendezvoused near Pittsburg where they  
built a large Fort called Fort McIntosh. and an  
other on the Liskarora, where they left about  
two hundred men & owing to lateness of the season &  
scarcity of Provisions the main army abandoned  
their original intention of going to the Sandusky Indians  
& returned to the fort McIntosh about Christmas.  
~~Brook~~ Mr. Greedy was our Adjutant the other field  
Officers he does not recollect. he hereby relinquishes  
every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the  
present and he declares that his name is not on the  
Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Questions by the Court

1<sup>o</sup> Where & in what year was you born - Answer  
in the year 1744 - the 26<sup>th</sup> of March.

2<sup>o</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where  
is it? Ans. I have none but have seen it  
in my Father's Bible.

3<sup>d</sup>. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer I lived at a frontier Fort on the Waters of the Ohio about 30 Miles below Pittsburg during the war until the year 1796 - when I removed to the Kaskaskia River in the State of Illinois where I have lived ~~until~~ latterly. I have lived with a son in Town in this County where I now reside.

4. When were you called into service? were you drafted or did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom? On the requisition of Col. Gibson the several Companies were to furnish a quota of men & I volunteered.

5. To state the name of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served. General McIntosh

Colonel Broadheads, Colonel Gibson. Captains Riggs

Captain Samuel Brady & Captain Campbell

6. To. Did you ever receive a Commission & if so by whom was it signed, & what has become of it?

Answer. I received a Commission signed by Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia - It is lost or misplaced with other old papers.

7. To state the name of Persons to whom you are known in your Present Neighborhood & who can testify to your character for veracity & the truth of your

as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer. Menan Edwards (who insisted on my taking a Captain's commission in the last war while he was Governor of Illinois Territory) Elias H. Lane Senator in Con-

gress. James W. Roberts. Enoch Moore General

Griff. James W. Roberts. Enoch Moore General

Lemuel Jackson and many others of this County.

I am sworn to and subscribed in open Court

At Springfield Illinoian A.D. 1853. —

To Henry Stevens

Henry Stevens

October 5, 1937

HENRY LEVENS  
S. 32375  
BA-J/MLB

Honorable William L. Nelson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Nelson:

Reference is made to your letter of October 2, in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Henry Levens who, you state, was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, lived in Cooper County, Missouri, and Chester, Illinois, where he died in 1838.

No record could be found for a Henry Levens, identical with your description. You are furnished herein the only record found of a Henry Levens who served in the Revolutionary War. His record follows as found in pension claim, S. 32375, based upon his service in that war.

Henry Levens was born March 26, 1744; the place of birth and names of his parents are not shown.

While residing at a frontier fort on the Ohio River, about thirty miles below Pittsburgh, Henry Levens entered the service in 1776 and served at various times to the end of the war, amounting in all to fourteen months twenty-one days in Captain Samuel Teters' company, Colonel Silas Hedge's Virginia regiment, and under Colonels Daniel Brodhead and David Williamson. During these periods of service, he guarded settlements at Holiday's Cove, Mingo Bottom, Beach Bottom and a little fort at Wheeling on the Ohio River; assisted in the building of Fort McIntosh and another fort on Tuscarora River, went on expeditions against the Muncey Indians up the Allegheny River, the Mingo and Delaware Indians, also the Wyandotte Indians, and was in small skirmishes in which Indians were killed and their towns and crops destroyed. He stated that his service was rendered as a lieutenant.

No reference was made to the wife of Henry Levens and no names of children given. Henry Levens stated in 1833 that Ninian Edwards, while Governor of Illinois Territory, insisted on his taking a captain's commission in "the last war".

In 1796, Henry Levens moved to the Kaskaskia River in Illinois, thence to Monroe County, Illinois, and in 1828 was residing in Harrisonville, in that county.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 3, 1833, at which time he was living in Monroe County, Illinois, with a son-in-law whose name he did not give. He was pensioned at the rate of \$49 per annum. He signed "Henry Levens".

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, the name and address of person paid and possibly the exact date of death of Henry Levens, you should write to the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following data: Henry Levens, certificate No. 19923, issued September 25, 1833, rate \$49 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, act June 7, 1832, Illinois Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator