

Pension Application for Thomas Levinus

W.20430 (Widow: Levina or Lovina) Married March 13, 1775. Thomas died Nov 17, 1838.

State of New York

Westchester County

Town of White Plains SS.

Personally before me Caleb Tompkins first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester on this twenty first day of January In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty came Levina Levinus now of the Town of Eastchester in the said County of Westchester widow of Thomas Levinus who at his decease resided in the said Town of Eastchester now aged eighty two years and upwards who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled “an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows”. That she is the widow of the identical Thomas Levinus named in an original pension Certificate of which the following is a copy.

War Department
Revolutionary Claim

I certify that in conformity with the law of the united States of the 18th of March 1818 Thomas Levinus late a private pension List Roll of the New York Agency, at the rate of eight dollars per month to commence on the fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen—

Given at the War office of the United States this thirteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and nineteen. J.C.Calhoun, Secretary of War.

And she further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Levinus on a Sunday in the months of April or May In the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five but she states that she cannot state the particular day in the month on which she was so married—but she is positive that it was in the said month of April or May—

And she further states that she was eighteen years of age on the thirteenth day of March in the said year 1775—which fact she well recollects from the circumstance of her being bound out as an apprentice to a Quaker family by the name of Pell in the said Town of Eastchester and that the term for which she was bound expired on her becoming of the age of eighteen years and which term expired on the said thirteenth day of March and that she was married to the said Thomas Levinus shortly after that time and in the spring of that year.

And she further declares that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Levinus died on the seventeenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight at the said Town of Eastchester.

That she was married to the said Thomas Levinus at the said Town of Eastchester by the Reverend Samuel Seabury a minister then officating in the Episcopal Church at Eastchester aforesaid prior to her said husband’s leaving the

service and that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated.

And she further declares that she is now the widow of the said Thomas Levinus and hath remained his widow ever since his death and that she was never married to any other person than the said Thomas Levinus.

And she further declares that she hath no record proof or her said marriage—and that the Town County nor church records of said Town of Eastchester do not from the best information she can obtain contain any proof of her said marriage.

And she further declares that her said husband was a pensioner of the United States for services rendered by him during the Revolutionary War and that he drew a pension under a pension certificate a copy whereof is above stated. (Signed with her mark) Levinua Levinus

Sworn and subscribed before me this 21st day of January 1840. Caleb Tompkins first Judge of Westchester Court of Com'm Pleas.

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

In the Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House at Bedford in and for the County of Westchester, before the Judges of the same Court of September Term, in the year of our Lord, one Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty.

Present the Honorable William Jay—first Judge. Jonathan Ferris, Stephen B. Hoffman Judges.

Westchester County SS. Be it remembered, that on the twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the said Court of Common Pleas, held in and for the said County of Westchester in the said State of New York, in open court the said Court being a Court of Record, for the said County of Westchester according to the Laws of the State of New York. Thomas Levinus—aged seventy years, resident in the town of Greensburgh in the said County who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, Vizt.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States, during the Revolutionary War at Peekskill, in the County aforesaid, on or about the first day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred & seventy six, under Captain Ezekiel Hyatt in Colo MacDougals, Regiment, that he served in the said Regiment, for the space of one year, during which time he was at the Battle in the White Plains in the said County of Westchester—And that his original declaration, is dated the thirteenth day [of] January—one thousand eight hundred of nineteen, and that his pension certificate is 5292. Five thousand two hundred and ninety two.

And I do solemnly swear—that I was a resident citizen of the United States of America on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions, of an Act of Congress, entitled, “An act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the Land and

Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War”, passed on the Eighteenth day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any properties or securities, Contracts or Debts, due to me; nor have I any income; other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed—To wit—

Read Estate, I have none of any kind or description, whatever, either in possession; reversion, or Remainder.

And that I have no other person Estate, except my wearing apparel, which consists of old coats, two vests, two pantaloons, two pair of Shoes, three shirts two handkerchiefs and one hat of the value of ten dollars in the whole.

(Signed with his mark) Thomas Levinus

Sworn in open Court this 25 day of September 1820 before me. Wm. Requa, Clk of Westchester Common Pleas.

Letter in folder dated October 11, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Thomas LeViness or LeVinus of Westchester County, New York, who served in the revolutionary War.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in the pension claim, W.20430, based on the military service of Thomas Levinus. The surname does not appear as LeViness.

The date and place of birth of Thomas Levinus and the names of his parents are not shown.

Thomas Levinus enlisted at Peekskill, New York, about the first of March 1776, to serve one year as private in Captain Ezekiel Hyatt's company in Colonel McDougall's Ne York regiment; he was in the battle of White Plains and in November, 1776, on account of illness, he received a furlough to return to his home, which was in the neighborhood of camp in Peekskill Heights, and his term of enlistment had expired before he recovered.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 5, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Madrid, St. Lawrence County, New York, and he then stated that he was about sixty-five years of age.

In 1820 he was living in Greensburgh, Westchester County, New York, and he stated that he was then seventy years of age.

Thomas Levinus died November 17 or 18, 1838, in East Chester, Westchester County, New York.

This soldier married in East Chester, Westchester County, New York, in April or May 1775, Levina or Lovina Fisher who was born March 13, 1757.

She was allowed pension on her application executed January 21, 1840, at which time she was a resident of East Chester, New York, and in 1850 she was living in Westchester County, New York.

In 1840, the widow's sister, Hannah Fisher, was living in East Chester, New York, and was "seventy-two years of age and upwards." In that year one David Wilson of West Chester, Westchester County, New York, who as "eighty-eight years of age and

upwards" sated that he married the sister of the widow, Levina or Lovina. One Thomas H. Fisher was acting clerk of court of Westchester County, New York, in 1840, but it was not stated that he was related to the widow. The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to the soldier's family.