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Report No. 685.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 547.]

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 proofs 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; that she is the widow of Thomas Leverett, a revolutionary soldier of the Georgia line; that, as she is informed and believes, the said Thomas, from the commencement of the revolution up to the year 1779 or 1780, was engaged as a ranger, the greater part of his time guarding the frontiers against the Indians and Tories; that, in 1780, said Thomas volunteered in the service of his country, and attached himself to Captain John Clark's company at Columbia court house, in Georgia, and that, as a member of said company, he served faithfully for the term of 18 months under Colonels Elijah Clark, Josiah Dunn, and Samuel Alexander, and that he was at the siege of Augusta; that said Thomas, at the end of 18 months, was honorably discharged, but lost his discharge in his future service during the revolution. Some six or eight weeks after his first discharge, which was in 1781, the said Thomas enlisted in the *Georgia continental line* for the term of three years, or during the war, and that he faithfully served to the close of the war, and was again honorably discharged, but has lost the written evidence thereof.

Petitioner further states that she was lawfully married to the said Thomas in Wilkes county, Georgia, on the 3d day of July, 1789, and lived with him as his wife until the 8th day of June, 1834, when the said Thomas died, leaving petitioner his widow, and that she is still his widow, but says she has no documentary evidence of said marriage.

The petitioner produces the following proof in support of her petition:

Alexander Dunn, 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 court house, and there found said Thomas Leverett, also a volunteer, in said company; that deponent and said Leverett served together and messed together for 18 months in the military service of the United States, and were engaged in no civil pursuits 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 enlisted in the Georgia continental line for three years, or during the war. Deponent cannot state what services he rendered under this enlistment.

Alexander Smith, sworn, says: That he was a soldier of the revolution in the Georgia line; that he and said Thomas Leverett both served together in Colonel Elijah Clark'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 frontier; 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 Leverett was a faithful and active soldier, in the service of the United States, from 1780 to 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 said Thomas Leverett, with whom he was acquainted.

Oliver P. Fears sworn, says: That a short time before said Thomas Leverett died, he drew up and forwarded his papers for a pension; but said Thomas died before the pension was granted.

Edward B. Thomas sworn, says: He is 77 years of age; was not engaged in the war of the revolution; lived in Wilkes county, Georgia; was intimately acquainted with Thomas Leverett and

Mary G., his wife; has been frequently and creditably informed, and believes, that said Thomas Leverett faithfully served his country in the war of the revolution; that the said Thomas and Mary G. Leverett were lawfully married on the 3d day of July, 1789, and lived and cohabited together as man and wife from that time until the death of said Thomas Leverett.

John W. Cooper, minister of the gospel, aged 63, in 1846, sworn, says: That from his infancy he was acquainted with Thomas Leverett and Mary G. Griffin, now Mary G. Leverett, and has known them intimately from that time until the death of said Thomas; was present at his death; and the said Mary G. Leverett is the widow of said Thomas; has always understood and believed them to be man and wife, and they were so reputed, and so lived and cohabited until the death of said Thomas; was not present at the marriage, but remembers of the wedding, as it took place a short time before he first went to school, which was in or about the year 1789; says that said Thomas was always reputed and believed amongst his acquaintances to have been a revolutionary soldier, and was a man of pure character and strict integrity and truth.

Elizabeth Crawford, aged 65 years, (1846,) sworn, says: That said Thomas Leverett's first wife was her aunt, and that she died, and he then married Mary G. Griffin, who is now the widow of said Thomas, deceased, and that said Mary G. resides in Troop county, Georgia; that, as deponent is informed and believes, said Thomas and Mary were married about the year 1789, and always after that, until the death of Thomas, they lived together as man and wife; said Thomas died in Troop county, Georgia, in 1834; she was not present at the marriage, but has no doubt of their lawful marriage; never heard it disputed.

Documentary evidence.

1. A certificate issued by the authorities of Georgia, February 2, 1784, to Thomas Leverett for 250 acres of bounty land for his services and good conduct in the revolutionary war, (marked B, on file with the papers.)

2. The family record of the marriages of the children of Thomas and Mary G. Leverett, (sworn to, marked D, and filed with the papers in this case.)

The veracity and credibility of all the witnesses is vouched for in the prescribed form, and the papers duly certified.

Your committee are of opinion that the proof is sufficient to entitle the petitioner to a pension, and report a bill accordingly.