

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Samuel Leneive VAS891

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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To his Excellency the Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The Memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of Samuel Leneive Deceased of Prince Edward County, Virginia late a soldier and Corporal of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment during the War of the Revolution –

He your Memorialist respectfully represent that in the early part of the year 1777 Captain William Cunningham of Prince Edward was heavily engaged in recruiting men for the Continental service, and enlisted some for the term of "three years" and others to serve "for and during the war" – the said Samuel Leneive in the spring of 1777 enlisted as a soldier under the said Captain William Cunningham to serve "for the war" of the Revolution and was attached to the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Richard Parker and General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] – He marched first to Williamsburg under Captain Cunningham, was then transferred to the company of Captain Colohil Minnis [Callohill Minnis] and marched with him to the Head Quarters of the Army in the State of New Jersey – In the meantime, Captain Cunningham was promoted and made Major. At various periods of the war, the said Samuel Leneive served under Captain Charles Pelham, Captain Claiborne Lawson and other officers. Soon after joining the northern Army, the said Samuel Leneive was made Corporal, and continued to serve in that capacity until the close of the Revolutionary war – In the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Mud Island Fort [Siege of Fort Mifflin, September 26-November 16th, 1777] and Stony Point [July 16, 1779], and other battles of considerable importance and had the reputation of being a good soldier, faithful and true to his country. He received a regular discharge at the close of the war, which by some means has been mislaid or destroyed, all of which will more readily appear by reference to the annexed certificates &c &c

Your memorialist for this state, that the name of "Samuel Leneive, Corporal" appears on the Army Register of the Continental line and has not received his Bounty Land, according to report of John H Smith Esquire, late "Commissioner of revolutionary Claims" for the state of Virginia –

Your Memorialist, therefore prays that your Excellency will grant to the legal heirs, the quantity of land, to which the said Samuel Leneive, Corporal, was entitled to receive for services rendered as a soldier and Corporal, for and during the war, in the State line of Virginia on

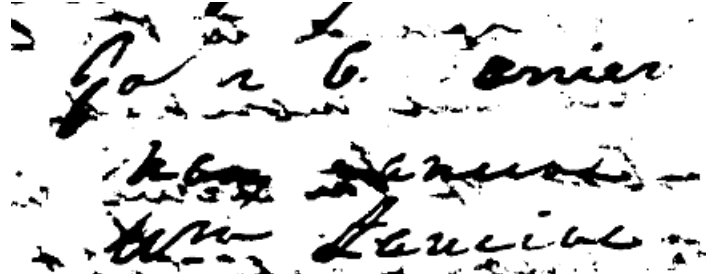
Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and prescribed –

And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c

John C Venier [?]

Mary [illegible]

Wm Lanieve [sic]

Handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature appears to be 'John C Venier', the middle one 'Mary', and the bottom one 'Wm Lanieve'. The ink is dark and the background is slightly textured.

[Attested January 12, 1837 in Prince Edward County Virginia]

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Virginia Prince Edward County to wit:

I Joseph Davidson¹ do hereby Certify that Samuel Leneive of Prince Edward enlisted in the Spring of 1777 as a soldier under Captain William Cunningham, to serve for and during the war of the Revolution, and was attached to the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment; commanded by Colonel Richard Parker and General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] – whilst in the service he was made Corporal, and served in that capacity, the whole time that I was with him. I was with him the period of three years, and left him in the service when I was discharged and no the fact that he never returned home until peace was made. I know that he was engaged in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Mud Island Fort [Siege of Fort Mifflin, September 26-November 16th, 1777] and Stony Point [July 16, 1779], for I was with him. He was a good soldier, and no doubt served the whole war safely and was honorably discharged. I am in the 84th year of my age and am a Pensioner of the United States.

S/ Joseph Davidson, X his mark

[acknowledged September 22, 1836 in Prince Edward County Virginia]

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I do Certify that Samuel Leneive enlisted the first day of August 1776 for three years & served as Corporal the above time in Continental Army in the first Virginia Regiment.

Given under my hand in Cumberland County 17th of August 1783

S/ Wm Cunningham, Major

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S/ J Pendleton, Junior

For value received I do Assigned the proportion of Land allowed me for the within mentioned services as a Corporal in the Continental Army to Lewis Ford.

Test:

¹ [Joseph Davidson W6977](#)

S/ [illegible] Miller

S/ Saml Leneie [?]

For Value Rec^d I do Agree the proportion
 of Land accorded me for the within mentioned
 survey and lots in the Cont^d survey
 to Lewis Ford
 of
 Wm^l Miller
 Saml Leneie