

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Lewis VAS904

vsl 117VA

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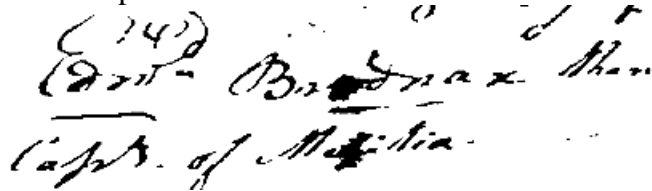
[From pension records in the Library of Virginia]

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I do hereby Certify that Edward Lewis a Militia Soldier in actual service of the State, when on Duty in the City of Williamsburg, in the year 1777, received a wound accidentally, which occasioned the loss of several fingers on the right Hand with the use of the hand.

Given under my hand this 8 day of June 1787

S/ Edwd Brodnax then [Edward Brodnax]
Capt. of Militia

Handwritten signature in cursive script: "(14) Edwd Brodnax then Capt. of Militia".

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On Examination of the above mentioned Person find his right Hand in great part to be cut away & what fingers remain are of very little Service so that he has little benefit of that limb – & is totally disabled from obtaining a Living by hard Labor – he appears to be 28 years of age.

S/ W. Foushee,
June 4th 1787

Handwritten signature in cursive script: "W. Foushee".

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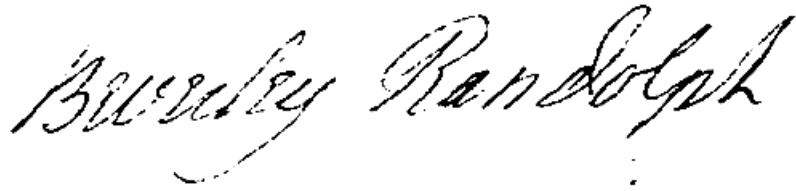
I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that Edward Lewis, about 28 years of age, late a private in the Militia of the County of Lunenburg was wounded in the Service of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that he is allowed the sum of fifteen pounds yearly to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the

Governor being absent) at Richmond this 13th day of June 1787

S/ T. Meriwether

S/ Beverly Randolph



[p 8: certificate dated February 18, 1788 from the court for Pittsylvania County Virginia stating that Edward Lewis all to still be continued on the list of pensioners of inhabitants of said County.]

[pp 9-117; annual administrative papers dealing with the disbursement and receipt of the pension up to and including the year 1827 at which time the pensioner signed a receipt dated January 5, 1828



witnessed by Samuel Lewis and Elizabeth Lewis, relationship to veteran not stated.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Lunenburg County Legislative Petitions

To the Hon. the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

The Petition of Edward Lewis humbly sheweth

That he was a soldier in Capt. Edward Broadnax's Company of Lunenburg Militia when ordered to Williamsburg and went on parade doing his duty his Gun unfortunately bursted which occasioned the loss of the Thumb and forefinger of his right hand and so injured the other parts of his said hand that it is rendered useless which misfortune has deprived him of making a tolerable support for himself and therefore humbly prays this house will take his case under their consideration and grant him such relief as shall be thought just and reasonable & your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray –

[Reverse]

Edward Lewis's Petition

November 21st, 1777

Referred to Claims

reasonable

Aud. [?]

£20 pr Relief

£10 per annum during Life

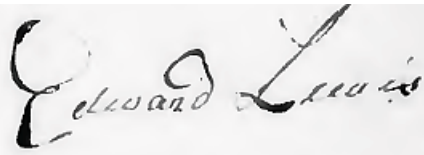
[another file]

The petition of the undersigned Edward Lewis a pensioner on the State List of the Commonwealth of Virginia respectfully represents to the Legislature of the said Commonwealth.

That your petitioner was some years since placed on the pension list in consideration of wounds received in the United States service during the war of the revolution at fifty dollars per annum; that he is old, infirm, poor and disabled by his wounds. That the sum of fifty dollars is not sufficient for his [words too faint to decipher] for his maintenance: that other pensioners without [several indecipherably faint words] to support from the government receive Eight Dollars per month. Wherefore he prays to be placed on a footing with them, and to be relieved in his old age from want & penury brought upon him by wounds received in the service of his Country, and by [indcipherable word] that period of his life in which he might have [indcipherable word] the means of subsisting in his old age to that service.

And as in duty bound &c he will ever pray &c

S/ Edward Lewis

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Lewis". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[The petition bears signatures by a number of other men presumably friends and neighbors of the veteran who signatures indicate their support of his application.]

In the old Revolution War in the year 1777 I was in the 4th Regiment if I mistake not – my Capt. was Edward Broadnax from Lunenburg County in my Col. was David Mason

S/ EL

[Reverse]

Petition for Edward Lewis

[one or more indecipherable words or names]

for an increase of his pension

December 8th 1825

referred to Claims

1825

December 30 laid on table

1826

January 17 Reasonable that the pension be increased \$10

[one or more words too faint to discern]

Ed Lewis receives \$50 per annum as a pensioner

S/ Jas. E. Heath

Bill reported