

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Fielding Lewis VAS905

vsl 25VA

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Fauquier County to wit

Personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid John Thorp of the said County, aged 74 years, and made oath, that he personally knew Captain Fielding Lewis deceased to be an officer in Colonel George Baylor's Regiment of Dragoons during the Revolutionary War. This affiant was himself a soldier in the said war and after marching to the South received a severe wound in the battle of Savannah in Georgia, in consequence of which he returned home and lived in the County of Stafford until the year 1820, when he removed to Fauquier County, & this affiant feels very confident that if Captain Fielding Lewis had left the service before the end of the War that he should have heard something of it, But this affiant never did – and he does believe from all he has ever heard that said Fielding Lewis did continue in the service till the end of the War. Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833

S/ Jos. Thompson, JP

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State of Virginia King George County to wit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid James Jones – a citizen of said County – aged about 70 years & being first sworn according to law – saith that he well knew Captain Fielding Lewis who was a recruiting officer in Colonel Baylor's Regiment early in the Revolution – & he the said Lewis continued in that service till the surprise of said Baylor's Regiment in the North – Affiant thinks that after that period the said Lewis was engaged in the same service towards Winchester. Affiant further states that he was a private in said Baylor's Regiment till the said Surprise – & he then enlisted for during the war & marched under William Washington who was Colonel commanding the Regiment raised in the South – Where affiant saw said Lewis.

My hand & seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834

S/ Edward Oldham, JP

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Report upon the Petition of the Heirs of Captain Fielding Lewis of the Virginia Continental line, for bounty land for his services

To the Governor

Sir,

I respectfully report the following facts in this case – to wit – That the name of Fielding Lewis Captain &c does not appear on the Army Register; or any of the Rolls of officers of the Virginia Continental line, or on any Army records or documents which had been found in the public offices of Virginia – that there is not (as far as I know) any Roll of Officers of Baylor's Corps of Light Dragoons, on file in any of the public offices – That Captain Fielding Lewis did not settle his accounts for service as said Captain Baylor & other officers of his Regiment from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1777 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1781, with State Auditors – and that he did not settle his accounts after the last date, with the Continental Commissioner Andrew Dunscombe Eqr. who adjusted & settled the accounts of Virginia Continental officers &c down to the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 1783.

The Petitioners have file the affidavit of Lawrence Lewis, in which he states that two letters bearing date April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1777 and November 15, 1777, which are annexed to the affidavit, written by George Baylor &c [bottom of the page cut off at this point and text missing] Captain Fielding Lewis, were found among day [more text missing at the bottom of the page]

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but does not know how long he served – the two letters aforesaid recognize Fielding Lewis as Captain in Baylor's Corps, engaged in the recruiting service – (see the affidavit of Lawrence Lewis and the annexed letters.)

A letter<sup>1</sup> has been filed from General Ro. Porterfield to Thomas Hord Esquire, in which General Porterfield says he knew Captain F. Lewis, and heard him spoken of as an active, meritorious officer; but does not know, when he entered the service, or how long he continued in it.

An account of Fielding Lewis (or paper purporting to be an account &c) against Colonel George Baylor's Regiment of Dragoons, has been filed, for the purpose, I suppose, of showing that he was in the recruiting service in that Regiment – extending from April 8, 1777 to April 8, 1778.

Two soldiers – to wit – John Thorp & James Jones, have testified that they know Captain Fielding Lewis was an officer of Baylor's Regiment of Dragoons engaged in the recruiting service. Thorp says, he believes the said Lewis served to the end of the war: Jones says, that Lewis continued in service until the surprise of Colonel Baylor's Regiment at the North, and was afterwards engaged in recruiting at Winchester, and Fredericksburg. (See the affidavits of John Thorp & James Jones.)

I have reported the evidence, in substance, the [text cut off at the bottom thereof at this point]

[Note: the above report would have been prepared and signed by John H. Smith, Commissioner for the review of bounty land and pension applications addressed to the State of Virginia.]

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To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned Memorialists being a part of the heirs at law of Fielding Lewis late of Virginia to wit – Gilson Foote at present in the County of Fauquier in the said state, and surviving husband of Lucinda Foote deceased late of Fauquier who was Lucinda Lewis, and Guardian of her infant children of said County to wit Sarah E, William Fielding, George Henry, Robert Lewis & Mary C. Foote – and Eleanor Lewis widow and relic of Robert Lewis, of Alexandria in the District of Columbia, and Guardian of his infant children to wit Elizabeth,

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<sup>1</sup> The image of this document as posted online is illegibly faint and indecipherable as posted

Anne, Lawrence and Martha Lewis – (they the said memorialists now being the only heirs of the said Fielding Lewis residing contiguous to the Virginia Government – the other heirs being residents of Tennessee & other distant states) do respectfully ask leave to represent that the aforesaid Fielding Lewis entered the Virginia Continental Army as a Captain in Colonel Baylor's Dragoons early in the War of the Revolution as they believe – and continued in that Company & Rank till the end of the War. That they believe from what they have heard that he was in said command until the surprise of said Regiment – and that he was afterwards chiefly engaged in the recruiting service for the Virginia Continental Army & do continue until the end of the war – and your Memorialists therefore asked that the proof which they have been enabled to get & which is filed with this Memorial may be received to sustain their claim to the land Bounty given by Virginia in such cases and that what evidence the state may have may also be taken. Your Memorialists would they believe to state that the said Fielding Lewis after the close of the War removed to a distant part of the [bottom portion of the image of this document is cut off at this point]

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This Memorial as the remaining heirs are of great distance = and as efforts are now making to collect the proper authority from them.

And they will &c

S/ Gilson Foote

S/ Eleanor H Lewis

[Attested September 11, 1834]

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1778  
 Colonel George Baylor's Regiment  
 An Account with Fielding Lewis. Dr

April 5 <sup>th</sup>	To the Bounty paid Twelve Months	\$ 42.0.0
	To Cash paid for Eight horses	273.10.0
	To Cash lent to bearer here for the	
	Use of this Regiment	74.15.0
	To Cash paid Matthew Baylor	10.0.0
	Driver of Capt Lewis	
	To Moving Colours from Frederick	
	To Fort Ligonier & Horses	12.0.3
	To Cash paid David's Hanger for	
	taking up George Braggard's	3.15.0
	To Cash bought for the Eight Horses	15.2.6
	To Cash lent to bearer here	
	to go after a Quarter	9.10.0
	To Cash advanced to the Soldiers	39.13.6
	To a Twelve Months pay for same	100.0.0
		<u>\$ 690.12.3</u>

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Fredericksburg April 23, 1777

Dear Sir

You will observe in our [indecipherable word] Virginia Paper, and advertisement of mine directing all the Officers of the Regiment immediately to bring to this Place, all the men they have enlisted.

You a loan are excluded as I will get your men, most of the officers would not get them, if they had until Christmas to do it. I shall in future send out recruiting parties. I should be happy to hear how you are [indecipherable words]

I am with much esteem your Friend

S/ George Baylor

To Captain Lewis

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to hear how you are. Respectfully  
yours

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esteem your Friend  
George Baylor

To  
Capt Lewis

[p 22: affidavit given by Lawrence Lewis of Fairfax County Virginia but the document, as posted, is largely illegible and I have not attempted to transcribe those portions of it which can be read because they would be meaningless.]

[pp 23-25, another letter which appears to be in the handwriting of Col. George Baylor and headed "Quarters in Camp Novr. 15, 1777" but the image as posted is very poor and only partially legible. The subject of the letter appears to relate to the state of the stores (coats and blankets) needed to equip Baylor's men. Baylor ends the letter as follows: "Offer my particular compliments to your Father and Family, I am with highest esteem and friendship yours...."]