

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Joseph Lewis VAS908

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

Pine top December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1783

I Certify that Joseph Lewis a Soldier in Colonel Heths [William Heth's] Detachment of Virginia New Levies enlisted under me in April 1780 for during the war, and received the full Bounty allowed for recruiting Soldiers at that time.

S/ Beverly Roy Captain  
2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment

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[Indecipherable signature]

S/ T. Meriwether

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 38-page file

Surry County [Virginia] September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1783

Certify that Joseph Lewis a soldier enlisted for a division of this County to serve for Eighteen months on the first day of August 1779

S/ Jno. Cocke [John Cocke], Lieutenant Surry

Williamsburg Virginia

This day came before me Mrs. Mary McCarty & made oath that she was present at the marriage of Joseph Lewis & Martha Webb sometime in the month of April 1779 & that they were married by the Reverend John Bracken Rector of Bruton Parish but he being now gone to England cannot obtain his Certificate of the same.

Given under my hand this 26 September 83

Auditor's Office 24<sup>th</sup> of July 1786

S/ Robert Nicolson

I do Certify that the representative of Joseph Lewis is Entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Private of the Continental line, who enlisted for the War, and has served three years.

Council Chamber

S/ Thos. Meriwether

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1784

S/ Benjamin Harrison  
a Copy

A Warrant issued from the Land Office to Martha Lewis Wife of said Joseph, in consideration of his Service as above.

S/ Samuel McCraw, Clk. L. Off.

Chesterfield August Court 1786

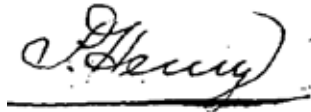
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Martha Lewis was residing in this County is the widow of Joseph Lewis who died in the Service of the United States as a Private Soldier in the Infantry in this State. It is therefore certified accordingly that she is the widow of the said Joseph Lewis.

Teste S/ T. Watkins, Clerk

I do with the advice of Council hereby Certify that Martha Lewis widow of Joseph Lewis late a private of the Virginia Line in a Detachment commanded by Colonel William Heath [William Heth] and who died in the Service of the United States is entitled to the sum of eight pounds annually, which allowance is to commence on the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1786

S/ P. Henry [Patrick Henry]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. Henry', written over a horizontal line.

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I do Certify that Martha Lewis hath received as Widow of Joseph Lewis, a private Soldier in the Late war the balance of pay due him as such, by the United States and the bounty of Land allowed by this State to Soldiers – I do also certify that she is at present in a Situation rather infirm – and that she appears to be about 50 years of age –  
Chesterfield 11<sup>th</sup> August 86

Will Heth

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Will Heth', written over a horizontal line.

[Note: Papers in the file relate mainly to the annual administration of the pension due the widow paid through 1793. On July 9<sup>th</sup> 1794 at Richmond Ann Wray witnessed a receipt for an installment do you Martha Lewis which appears to have been signed by her with her mark. Correspondence in the file indicates that the widow was living with the family of Gray Briggs in 1793 and 1794 and was being furnished by that family with Rome board and simple clothing in exchange for what small service she could render the family.]