

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lemuel Cartwright R1760

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State of North Carolina Hyde County: SS

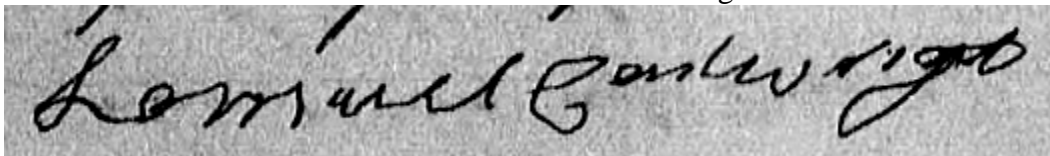
On the twenty fourth day of November A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before us Benjamin R Sanderson, William Furrow and Jabez K. Harris Justices composing the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting for the County of Highland and State aforesaid Lemuel Cartwright a resident of Mattamuskeet in the County of Hyde and State of North Carolina, aged about eighty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I was drafted as a militia man in the State Troops of North Carolina for the space of six months in the fall of the year 1777 to the best of my recollection, but I know it was between the year 1776 and 1780, and I entered the service immediately after being drafted, about the first part of September under the command of Captain Edmund McKeel who was stationed or lived in Beaufort County North Carolina. From Beaufort County I marched under Captain Edmund McKeel to Kingston [sic, Kinston] Lenoir County – Thomas Thaxton, David Spencer, Selby Gibbs, John Williams, Edward Gray, James Watson, William Harris, John Harris and Stephen Harris were drafted with me, and lived in Mattamuskeet and marched in company from Hyde County and joined Captain McKeel in Beaufort County – on the arrival of Captain Edmund McKeel at Kingston under whom I together with the other militiamen from Hyde County marched, we joined the recruits there assembled and I was commanded by Major John S McIlvain and Colonel William Caswell, the son of the Governor of North Carolina, William Dennis of Carteret County was the Adjutant of the Brigade, General Ash [sic, John Ashe] and General Bryan [sic, William Bryant] were both at Kingston in command – we remained at Kingston several weeks waiting for recruits, & marched from Kingston through South Carolina, through which State we marched and arrived at the Savannah River where we remained about three days. We then crossed the Savannah River and entered the State of Georgia at the lower end of the Town of Augusta, where we remained to the best of my recollection two or three days. We arrived at the Savannah River about the 14th of February – The British Army was then commanded by Lord Cornwallis [sic, Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Campbell], and was about

one mile below Augusta. In a short time after the arrival of the American Army the British marched down the River on the Georgia side, and as soon as they broke up their camp, we crossed, and pursued them and continued the pursuit four or five days, until we arrived at Brier Creek, the Bridge over which had been destroyed by the enemy – we there encamped about five days – The enemy then marched down Brier Creek some distance when they recrossed it and marched up it to where we were encamped. A general engagement then took place between the Americans and the British which lasted about one hour, and we being overpowered by numbers retreated to the Savannah River which we crossed and encamped on the South Carolina side – On the day of the Battle, we were joined by several companies of regular troops. The Americans were commanded by General Ashe and Bryant. We remained some time encamped on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River and the British On the Georgia side – whenever they marched either up or down the River, we moved and kept opposite to them to keep them from crossing into South Carolina. We remained there until the troops came to us when as our time had already expired we were marched to Wilmington in North Carolina under the command of Major John Pointer and Captain Edmund McKeel. At Wilmington, we were discharged by Major Pointer. I together with the militia men from Hyde County & Beaufort marched from Wilmington in company with Captain Edmund McKeel to Beaufort County where he left us and I returned to Hyde County. I received a discharge in writing from Major Pointer at Wilmington North Carolina, which I have long since lost or him it has been destroyed, as I did not think I ever should be called on to produce it, or should receive any pay at any future day for my services. I served about eight months. I left home about the first of September and returned home about the first of April following, I received in South Carolina four dollars which was all I ever received for my eight months service – I have no documentary evidence of my service, and he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State. All the persons with whom I was drafted are now believed to be dead. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Lemuel Cartwright

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Lemuel Cartwright". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

The said Lemuel Cartwright being personally examined before us on oath depose and said in answer to the following Interrogatories

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Pasquotank County North Carolina in the year 1750

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I had a record left by my father in his Bible, which I some years ago copied in my own, as he is was very much worn, he is I gave to my __ Stephen John Cartwright and do not know what has become of it –

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living on the Mattamuskeet in the County of Hyde North Carolina and have since and do now live in the same place

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted for six months and served eight months

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I can now only recollect the names of Generals Ash and Bryan, and of Colonel William Caswell, Colonel Pickens, Eaton, and Alston, and of Majors John S McIlvaine and John Pointer and Adjutant William Dennis and Captain Emanuel McKeel [sic] – and for the general detail of the circumstances of his service, he answered as before stated in his affidavit as above, to which he refers

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I did receive a discharge, which was given by Major Pointer, and has been lost or destroyed

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I refer to John Jordan, one of the Justices for holding the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Hyde, and to Henry S Spencer High Sheriff of the County, and to Joseph Williams a Revolutionary Soldier, whose certificate an affidavit is hereunto annexed, and to Joseph Sawyer, late one of the magistrates of said County and to Benjamin Williams, Isaac Sawyer, Thomas Banin and Joseph Williams Junior

I Joseph Williams Senior¹ residing in the County of Hyde North Carolina do hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with Lemuel Cartwright, and have known him for more than 50 years and I do personally know that the said Lemuel Cartwright who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration was drafted as a militia man in the Revolutionary war that he left home in company with others drafted at the same time, and was absent as was said and believed as a militia man for many months –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Williams, Senior, X his mark

[Anamias Sadler and Israel Brooks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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