

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph B. Lewis R19780 Labitha (Tabitha) Lewis f24SC

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State of Louisiana County of Washington } SS

On this 27th day of August 1875, personally appeared before me, a Clerk of a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid Labitha Lewis a resident of the County of Washington and State of Louisiana aged 75 years, who being duly sworn, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by the Act of Congress approved _____. That she is the widow of Joseph Lewis who was a ___ in Company ___ commanded by ___ in the ___ Regiment of revolutionary war, that her maiden name was Labitha Morris and that she was married to said Joseph Lewis on or about the ___ day of ___ 1835, at ___ in the County of Copiah and State of Mississippi by Valentine Brock Minister of the gospel and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage.

She further declares that said Joseph Lewis her husband, died in Copiah County in the State of Mississippi on or about the 24th day of March 1845, of _____. She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said Joseph Lewis and that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints R. W. Walker of Washington DC as her lawful Attorney, with power of substitution, and also rises him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive her pension certificate. Her husband the said Joseph Lewis was a pensioner on the Rolls at Mississippi.

My Post Office address is Franklinton Washington parish Louisiana

S/ Tabitha Lewis, X her mark

[In 1881 while still living in Washington Parish Louisiana the widow filed another claim for her pension in which she says her husband served under the command of General Marion [Francis Marion] in the revolution of 1776; and "she further states that the following is a full description of her husband at the time of his enlistment viz. Five feet three inches high Dark Complexion -- Dark hair -- Dark eyes." In this application she states that she married Joseph B. Lewis in Copiah County Mississippi on August 6, 1834. This application is supported by John Jay Lewis, 60 (relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated) and Mary Breland, 68 [in 1875].]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Joseph Lewis

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¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for

Audited Account No. 4549

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[No.] 32

Lib. [Book] V July 20th 1785

Joseph Lewis his Account of 35 days duty done as private in the Militia at 10/[10 shillings old South Carolina] Currency per day

Amounting to £2.10 Stg. [Sterling]

“not Attested”

Ex^d. J.H.S. [Examined by J. H. S. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]