

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lam (Lamb) R6094

Comfort Lamb

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State of Illinois, County of Gallatin: SS

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Thomas C. Browne Judge of the Circuit Court for said County now sitting John Lamb a resident of said County and State aged Seventy-three years on the 14th day of March next 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 7, 1832: -- That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He states that he served four regular Tours of duty as a Volunteer private in the North Carolina Militia of three months each, besides four or five other Tours of shorter duration. He resided in Roan [sic, Rowan] County and first volunteered he thinks in February in the year 1776 for an indefinite term of service. The Legislature of the State not then having defined as he understood the duration of the Service. His Captain in his first term of service was Captain John Brannon [John Brandon] belonging to Colonel Locke's [Francis Locke's] Regiment under the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] he was in the march during this service from Salisbury to Cross Creek now Fayetteville but was in no battle -- and was discharged in Salisbury by the same officers under whom he volunteered a little short of three months but how much he does not recollect, he does not think there were any regular or Continental Soldiers in service during this time. He volunteered for a second Term of three months, he believes in July in the same year under the same officers. Throughout and served between 16 and 17 weeks or about four months against the Cherokee Indians.<sup>1</sup> He entered the Service at Rowan County near Salisbury as before and was in active service on foot during the whole time but in no battles although in hearing of one fought by General Williams [sic, General Andrew Williamson of South Carolina] with the Indians near Cow-we-che -- where General Rutherford's Army then was. Their march had been from Salisbury over the Blue Ridge of mountains about 300 miles -- at the end of this term of service he was again discharged in Rowan County -- no Continental or regular troops were engaged with them.

The third time he volunteered for three months to serve in South Carolina and served the whole time there in the time of marching to and returning from SC was not computed as any part of the three months. His officers this time were Captain William Armstrong & Lieutenant Knox under whom he marched to Beach Island on Sabina River [sic, Savannah River] between Georgia

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html)

& South Carolina where Captain Armstrong was made Major & Lieutenant Knox [probably John Knox of the Rowan County militia] Captain -- here there was a beating up for volunteers to form a rifle Corps and he turned out and served under Captain White [Joseph White] belonging to the first Battalion of Infantry commanded by Colonel Malberry [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] a Frenchman. General Butler [John Butler] had the chief command here and marched us down the River on the South Carolina side to Stono, where they joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army in the place of the enemy (the British) where they lay for some time. He was in the Severe Battle which ensued called the Battle of Stono on 20 June in 1779<sup>2</sup> he believes -- he was discharged at Camp about 5 miles from Stono Point by General Butler in July his three months being out and the enemy having gone into John's Island, not far from Charleston.

He volunteered the 4<sup>th</sup> time in Rowan County NC in the spring of 1780, for the same term of 3 months in the Light Horse under Captain Brannon (the same officer under whom he first volunteered) in Colonel Taylor's Regiment of Horse with which he served until discharged sometimes near General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army but most commonly scouting in advance. He was in the battle of Charlotte where Ensign or Cornet Lock of his company was killed -- Matthew Brannon [Matthew Brandon] Brother of the Captain was appointed in his place -- his Lieutenant was Archibald Sloane. He was discharged at the 6 mile Creek in South Carolina he believes at the expiration of two months from the time of leaving the State of North Carolina his impression being that 2 months service in the Horse was equivalent to 3 months on foot. These are the four regular Tours. The next time he volunteered to guard the road from Charlotte to Salisbury which former place was then in possession of Lord Rawdon who was expected up to Salisbury. He remained on this Ground about 10 days & until General Rutherford got his men embodied to pursue the Tories to Ramsour's Hill [sic, Ramsour's Mill]. He was under Captain Craig [James Craig] while guarding the road but when General Rutherford marched against the Tories at Ramsour's Hill he joined the Company under his old Captain Brannon and remained in service either four or five weeks and were discharged at Ramsour's Hill after the battle which was fought there in which the Tories were defeated -- this was in May 1780 [sic, June 20, 1780].<sup>3</sup> Again he volunteered under the same Captain in the same year to join General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] to guard the Catawby River [sic, Catawba River] against Cornwallis who was expected down from Ramsour's Hill to cross it. He was absent from home on this occasion between three and four weeks, Cornwallis having crossed the River and passed on to little York -- he was discharged. General Davidson was killed at the crossing where a smart Battle was fought in which he was [Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781].<sup>4</sup> He further states that he was called out several other times during 1779 and 1780 but generally for short times -- Indeed for any purpose of quiet at home [sic?] He might as well have been in the Army the whole of those two years. He has no documentary evidence of any part of his services his papers being lost many years ago and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever in a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Lam<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ramseurs\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cowans\\_ford.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html)

<sup>5</sup> This does not appear to be the actual signature of the veteran as the handwriting is identical to the body of the

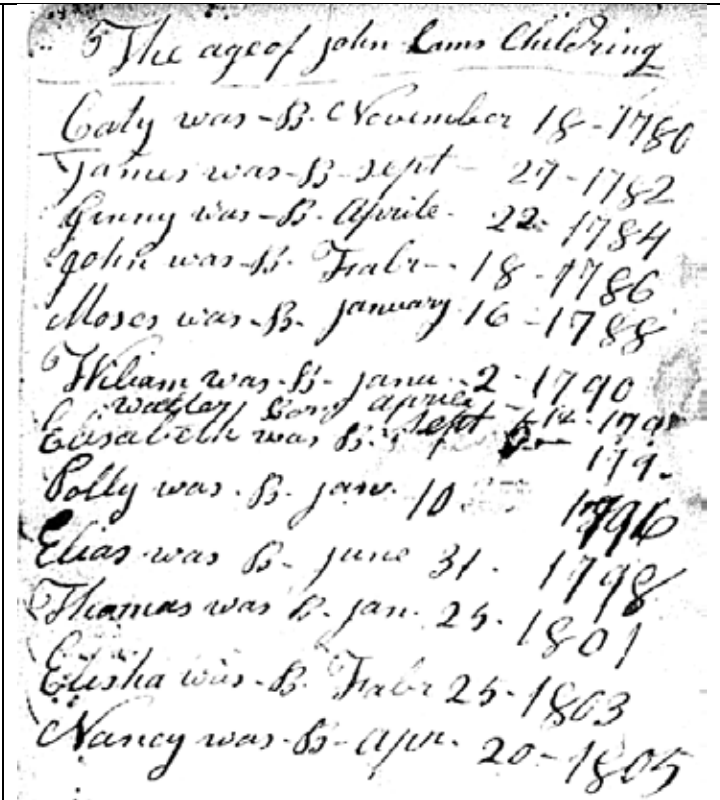
S/ Leonard White, Clerk

[Benjamin Bruce, a clergyman, and Moses Pierce gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On March 4, 1844 in White County Illinois, Abraham L. Armstrong filed a claim on behalf of his wife and the other shorter in of, stating that he is the son in law of John and Comfort Lamb, both deceased; that John Lamb was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$45 per year; that John Lamb died November 15, 1842; that he has reason to believe that Comfort Bellah married John Lamb in the year 1779 in Rowan County North Carolina; that Comfort Lamb died March 11, 1843 survived by the following children: James Lamb, John Lamb, Elizabeth Pearce, Polly Armstrong, Elias Lamb, Thomas Lamb, Elisha Lamb and Nancy McClelan; he also states that there is no family record to his knowledge of the marriage or dates of birth of the above named children, except a book formerly in the possession of Reuben Bellah, a nephew and son-in-law of said Comfort and in the hand writing of said Reuben Bellah containing the true register to the best of his knowledge of the births of all the children of John and Comfort Lamb; that Reuben Bellah has been dead about 18 years and that the register has been in the possession of his sons since that time.]

Register Record

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[p 4: On June 3, 1854 in Gallatin County Illinois, Elias Lamb and A. L. Armstrong filed a power of attorney authorizing their attorney to pursue the pension claim of Comfort Lamb, deceased widow of John Lamb. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran and or his widow is not stated. Elias Lamb signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Infantry and 2 months in the Cavalry of the North Carolina militia. The claim by the wife's heirs was rejected.]