

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Owen Lee [Lea] R.6221

Elizabeth Lee

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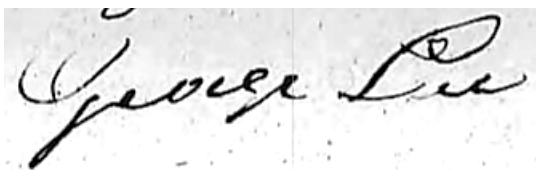
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State of North Carolina

Cleveland County

On this 5th day of September 1854 personally appeared before the court of pleas and quarter session of Cleveland county in the state of North Carolina, George Lee, a resident of said county and state aforesaid who being first sole sworn according to lay on his oath make his following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of congress passed seventh July 1838 granting pensions to certain widows of the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war that he is the son and one of the heirs at law of Elizabeth Lee who was the widow of Owen Lee Dec. soldier in the North Carolina military in the war of the revolution. His said mother Elizabeth Lee did in her lifetime apply for a pension but having died before she ever obtained any certificate of pension although she did adduce all the evidence necessary as she was advice which evidence is now on the the pension office in washing ton city and said deponent now makes this declaration in behalf of himself and his others brothers and sisters for this amount of pension which may be found due the late mother the aforesaid Elizabeth Lee under any of the acts of congress to which she may be entitled that his said mother died on the third day of august 1854 that his brothers and sisters are as follows to wit. Jaz [??] William Lee, carder Lee, Vincent Lee, Nancy Hardin Elizabeth Lee and deponent George Lee that he claims the benefit of the evidence now on file heretofore offered in the lifetime of his said mother sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year above written

George Lee

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Lee". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial 'G' and a distinct 'L'.

Sworn to in open court

Sept 3 1839 S. Williams, clk.

Know all men by these presents that I George Lee of Cleveland county in the state of North Carolina do hereby constitute and appoint M. Thompson by true and lawful attorney and inability to myself and brother and sisters and in our many prosecutes before the pension office department our claimed to pension in right of our mother Elizabeth Lee to take up the evidence now on file at Washington city and to address other evidence in the case if necessary. Conforming whatsoever our said attorney may lawfully do in the premises this fifth day of sept 1854 signed sealed and delivered in presence of John Roberts

George Lee

State of N Carolina on this 5th day of September 1854 before me Cleveland County and the s Subscriber of justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared, George Lee, and acknowledge the forgoing hour of attorney to the for his act and dead. For the purpose

therein mentioned for testimony to hear of whereof I hereunto set my hand the day and year
aforesaid, James Roberts.

State of North Carolina court Cleveland County, court of peace and quarter sessions September
1854. I hereby certify that satisfactory evidence was a[??]In court to prove that George Lee
Vincent ivy Lee, William Lee, carter Lee, Nancy hardin, and Elizabeth Lee and the children and
only surviving heirs of Owen Lee and Elizabeth Lee, his wife now desk. They are the only
lawful heirs at law of said Elizabeth Lee the widow of the said Owen Lee a soldier of the militia
of Carolina in the revolutionary war a further certified at that satisfactory evidence has been
produced before the said court. That the said Elizabeth Lee departed this life on the 3rd day of
august 1854 and that she hath left surviving the said above named children I further certify that
satisfactory evidence hath ... Been produced before said court that the said Owen Lee was
always reputed and recognized in the neighborhood where he resided and have been a soldier in
the war of the revolution and that the same belief prevails at this time and that the said Owen Lee
died about the year 1817 I further certify that the signature of James Robert exquire annexed to
the power of the attorney made by the said George Lee that also mad the foregoing declaration in
his genuine signature and full faith and credit is due to all his officer act as such

In testimony where of I have hereunto subscribed my name and office my officials seal this fifth
day of September 1854

S. Williams, clk.

Claim of Elizabeth widow of Owen Lee widow of Owen Lee. Of NO Car. Act of 27th July 1838
M. Thompson attorney, Washington DC.

State of south Carolina Chester district, personally appeared Elizabeth carter before the
subscribed one of the notary justices of the peace it afore the district aforesaid and after being
first duly sworn according to law sanity on her oath that she is the sister of Owen Lee whose
widow Elizabeth Lee, North Carolina the county of Cleveland is now applying for a pension for
services of her late husband the aforesaid Owen Lee, this deponent sayeth that she was living
with her brother at their fathers own house at the time of the revolutionary war and that she will
note that her brother Owen Lee was drafted and went into the service and was absent from home
and said to be in the camper for and about the term of nine months and that the captain under
whom is his brother Owen served is George Lee his own cousin until George Lee was appointed
col. Then her brother served under captain sergeant that her brother was a resident of case will
county in the state of south Carolina at the line of his services and that after the time of his of his
services in that office the close of the war he was married to Elizabeth Wright the above named
Elizabeth Lee now the widow of the said Owen Lee sworn to and subscribed. This 6th day of
February 1847

Before me-

John Davis his, Elizabeth carter mark

The state of North Carolina Cleveland county February 18th, court of... and quarter... Feb. 1846
on this 9th day of February 1846, personally appeared Elizabeth Lee a residence of North

Carolina Cleveland county 80 years who having first duly sworn on according to law that on her oath make the following declaration in order the lawful benefit of ... made by the act of congress passed July the 7th 1838 and march the 3rd 1843 and the 11th of June 1844 granting pensions to certain widows that she is the widow of Owen Lee, who was a private in the North Carolina militia and such served limited states against German enemy for the term of nine months of different... and that he was a resident of North Carolina Cleveland county at the time he enlisted the service and that he was in the battle of gates defeat and that he continued in the service to the close of the war the further along that she was married to this said Owen Lee sometime in the year 1782 and that her husband aforesaid Owen Lee died on the 21 day of June 1817 and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place ... to the first of January 17 1794 at the time of above stated sworn to and deliver on the day and year above written in open court before me

Elizabeth Lee

Sworn to in open court Feb. 9th 1846

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Owen Lee was born, this 11th of Feb. 17... Betsy Lee was born the 21 of march 1765 john Lee was born the 8th for march 1784 Richard Lee was born 14th of may 1787 phoebe Lee was born the 30th of January 17,... Ivy Lee was born the 18th of ... 1790 Richard Lee was born the 24th of 17.... William Lee was born the 20th of October 1792 George Lee was born the 20th February 1799, Wesley Lee was born the 30th of September 1809 carter Lee was born the 25th of march 1804 Vincent right Lee was born the 15th of October 1807 best Lee was born the 27 of December 18...

September 6, 1935

Mr. we. Lee

Interstate commerce commission

Washington dc.

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your personal request for the record of Owen Lee, a soldier of the revolutionary war, pension claim 4.6221.

The data furnish herein are obtained from the papers on file in the revolutionary war pension claim, R.6221, based upon the military services of Owen Lea in that war.

Owen Lea was born January 11 17—(torn). The place of his birth and the name of his parents are now shown, name also appears Lee. Or Lea

Owen Lea married sometime in 1782 in Caswell county North Carolina Elizabeth or Betsy Wright. She was born march 31, 1765 the pace of her birth and the names of her parents are not show, or Lee

After the revolutions, Owen Lee moved from Caswell county North Carolina to Chester district, South Carolina, where he resided for a few years; then moved to Rutherford that part which was

later Cleveland county North Carolina. Where he died June 21 1817 on February 9 1846 soldiers widow Elizabeth applied for the pension that might be due on account of the services of her husband Owen Lee in the revolutionary war and stated that while residing in Caswell county North Carolina he enlisted and served as a private in North Carolina troops for six months under captain sergeant or captain moorland that he was the battles of gates defeat and Guilford court house. Her claim was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of service of six months as required by the pension law. The widow died august 3. 1864.

Children of Owen and Elizabeth Lee. Or Lea

John march 8, 1784

Richard may 14 1787

Phoebe January 31 1790

Ivy November 13 179---

Richard April 24 179---

William October 20 1796

George February 20, 1799

Nancy September 30, 1801

Carter march 23 1804

Vincent Wright October 15 1807

Betsy or Elizabeth December 27 18---

The following children survived their mother, Ivy William, Carter, Vincent, Elizabeth and George Lee and Nancy Hardin son George Lee was resident of Cleveland county North Carolina in 1854 and then signed Lee.

John Lee, who resided in Caswell County, North Carolina, was a cousin of the soldier, Owen Lee and in 1847, soldiers' sister, Elizabeth Carter, resided in Cleveland County, North Carolina.

John Wright, of Caswell County, North Carolina, was a brother of the widow, Elizabeth Wright Lee.

In 1852, T.H. Hardin was a Justice of the Peace for Cleveland County, North Carolina, no relationship to Nancy Lee Hardin, the daughter of the soldier was shown.

There are no further data as to soldier's family

Very truly yours

A.D. Hiller

Assistant to administrator.

Another transcription

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Elizabeth Lea

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in

brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina, Cleveland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Session 1846

On this 9th day of February 1846 personally appeared Elizabeth Lea a resident of North Carolina Cleveland County aged 80 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838, and March the 3rd 1843, and the 17th of June 1844, Granting pensions to Certain Widows, that she is the widow of Owen Lee, who was a private in the North Carolina Militia, and as such served the United States against the Common enemy for the term of nine months at different tours, and that he was a resident of North Carolina Caswell County at the time he entered the service, and that he was in the battle at Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]¹ and that he continued in this service to the close of the war she further declares that she was married to the said Owen Lee some time in the year 1782 and that her husband the said Owen Lee died on the 21st day of June 1817, and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 (Viz.) at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written in open Court before me.

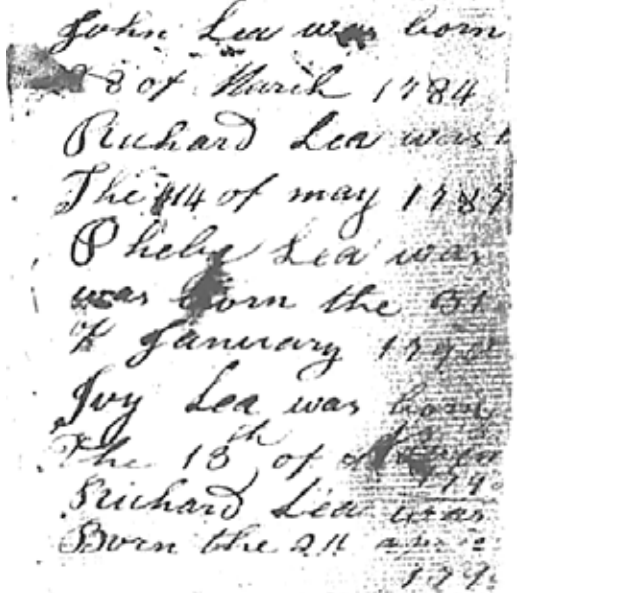
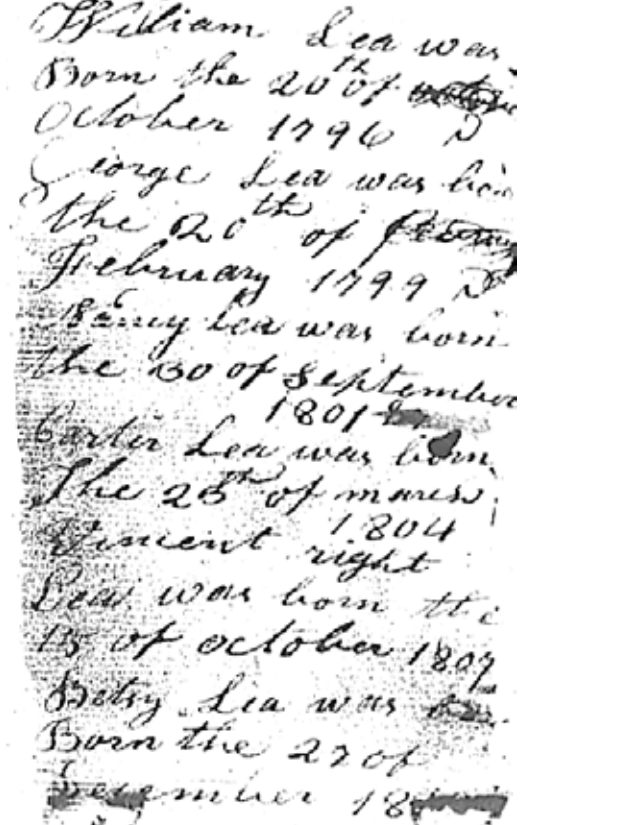
S/ Elizabeth Lea, X her mark {Seal}

Sworn to in open Ct. February 9, 1846

S/ R. Champion, Clk.

[documents in this file disclose the following: Owen Lea (Lee) married Elizabeth or Betsy Wright in Caswell County, NC in 1782; she was born March 31, 1765; that after the War, they moved to Chester District, SC, then to that part of Rutherford County, NC that later became Cleveland County, NC, where he died on June 21, 1817; she died August 3, 1854; her claim was not allowed for failure to prove that her husband served at least 6 months during the War. Owen and Elizabeth had the following children per record on pp 11-12:

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html lee

<p>John born March 8, 1784 Richard born May 14, 1787 Phebe born January 31, 1790 Ivy born November 13, 179- [torn] Richard born April 24, 179- [torn]</p>	 <p>John Lea was born the 8th of March 1784 Richard Lea was born the 14th of May 1787 Phebe Lea was born the 31st of January 1790 Ivy Lea was born the 13th of November 179- Richard Lea was born the 24th of April 179-</p>
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Owen Lea's cousin John Lee resided in Caswell; Owen's sister Elizabeth Carter, resided in Chester District in 1847; John Wright of Caswell County was Elizabeth Wright Lea's brother; Elizabeth Wright Lea, the widow, was survived by the following children: Ivy, William, Carter, Vincent, Elizabeth and George Lea and Nancy Hardin.]

State of South Carolina, Chester District

Personally appeared Elizabeth Carter Before the Subscriber one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the District aforesaid and after being first Duly sworn according to law Saith

on her oath, that she is the sister of Owen Lee, whose widow Elizabeth Lee of North Carolina in the County of Cleveland is now applying for a pension, for the services of her late husband, the aforesaid Owen Lee. This Deponent saith, that she was living with her Brother at their father's own house at the time of the Revolutionary War, and that she well knows that her Brother, Owen Lee, was Drafted, and went into the Service and was absent from Home, and said to be in the Camps for and about the term of nine months, and that the Captain under whom her Brother Owen served was George Lee, his own Cousin, until George Lee was appointed Colonel and then her Brother served under Captain Sergeant – that her Brother was a resident of Caswell County in the State of North Carolina at the time of his Service – and that after the close of the war, he was married to Elizabeth Wright, the above named Elizabeth Lee now the widow of the said Owen Lee. Sworn to and subscribed the 6th day of February 1847 before me.

S/ Elizabeth Carter, X her mark

S/ John Davis, MGCD

State of North Carolina, Cleveland County

Be it known, that before me the undersigned, an acting Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County and State aforesaid, this day personally appeared old Mrs. Elizabeth Lee who being first Duly sworn according to law, depose as follows to wit – that she is the widow of Owen Lee, who was a soldier in the North Carolina militia in the war of the Revolution that he served in the said militia service six or nine months, under Captain George Lee and Captain Sergeant after Captain Lee was promoted to the office of Colonel, that her said husband Owen Lee was a resident of Caswell County in the State of North Carolina, at the time of his said service, that he was in the Battle of Guilford Court House – Declarant, further declares, that sometime in the years 1845 or 1846, she made a former Declaration before the Court of Cleveland County in the State of North Carolina claiming pension for her said husband's service in the Revolutionary war under the Act of Congress of the 7 of July 1838 to which Declaration now on file, in the pension office, at Washington City, she refers to for evidence, of her marriage, to her said Husband heretofore offered and that she has Remained his widow ever since his death, and that her name was Elizabeth Wright before her marriage, to her said Husband Owen Lee – and that she now makes this her additional Declaration in order to have her claim for a pension under said act of Congress Reconsidered to which Claim she knows she is justly entitled – the services of her said Husband under Captain Lee and Captain Sergeant she well recollects, that of his marching off, and of seeing him in actual service in the line of march and also of his returning home. She further Declares that her said Husband at the time of his going into the service was a near neighbor of hers and very intimate together; and that her brother John Wright also went into service at the same time in the same Company with her said Husband Owen Lee and that shortly after the Close of the war, her and her said Husband was married in Caswell County State of North Carolina that they did not live in said County of Caswell long but moved in a short time to Chester District in the State of South Carolina, and stayed there a few years and moved to Rutherford County, the part of which is now Cleveland County in the State of North Carolina – where Declarant now Resides.

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of February 1851 Before me

Attest: S/ Coalman Doggett, Esqr.

S/ Elizabeth Lee, X her mark

State of North Carolina, Cleveland County

Personally appeared Major MaCombs before the Subscriber one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after being first Duly sworn according to law, sayeth on his oath, that he first became acquainted with Owen Lee more than 50 years ago, that at the time he

first was acquainted with Owen Lee he the said Lee lived in Chester District South Carolina, that he the said Lee moved to that District from Caswell County North Carolina, that he Deponent often heard Owen Lee speak of having been in the Service in the war of the Revolution, that he said he was Drafted and spent two or three different tours, and that he said his Cousin George Lee was his Captain, his Major's name was Sharpe, and that he was in the Battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781]² and several other scrimmages; and this Deponent further Saith that some few years after he first became acquainted with the said Owen Lee in Chester District S. C. that he Deponent went in to Caswell County N. C. and then and there he was made acquainted with John Lee, the Cousin of Owen Lee and John Wright, Deponent was also made acquainted with who was the Brother of Owen Lee's wife and the said John Lee and John Wright told Deponent that they and Owen Lee were Soldiers together in the Revolutionary war and Owen was a faithful Soldier and true patriot. Deponent well knows that these statements or Declarations was made in his presence by John Lee & John Wright some 45 or 50 years ago. This Deponent further saith that the said Owen Lee lived a few years in Chester District S. C. & then moved to Cleveland County N. C. where his widow now lives, and that he Deponent also moved to Cleveland County about the same time, and settled and lived a near neighbor to the said Owen Lee and that he was well acquainted with him until his death which was about the year 1817, and that he heard the said Lee after he moved to Cleveland County in N. C. speak of his having been in the war: and that the said Owen Lee was always Reputed and Recognized in the Settlements where he lived to have been a Soldier of the Revolutionary war and that the same belief prevails at this time and of which he Deponent has no Doubt for from his long acquaintance with the said Lee he believes him to have been a man of as good veracity as ever lived and that he Deponent is well acquainted with Elizabeth Lee, the widow of the said Owen Lee and that she is a venerable old Lady of good Repute; Sworn to and Subscribed this 19th day of June 1847 before me.

S/ Major McCombs

S/ James Roberts, JP

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html