

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ledford R6238

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State of North Carolina, Cleveland County

On this 13th day of February 1844 Personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting William Ledford a resident of North Carolina in the County of Cleveland, Aged Eighty Eight 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 – that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service some time in the year 1780 or 1781, as a private of the North Carolina Cavalry troops in Captain William Davis' Company and that William Battenhamer was his Lieutenant and that Colonel John Lop [John Lopp] was the Commander of said Troops, and that he served three tours of three months each Tour, and that he resided in Rowan County North Carolina when he entered the service and that his service was chiefly all rendered in North Carolina, and that he never was in any engagement and that he has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no person living, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Service and he further Declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State, and he further Declares that the reason why he has not applied at an earlier period for a pension he is that he had no Documentary evidence and that he knew of no person living whose testimony he could procure to testify to his service and that until recently he did not know that there was any provision made by Congress whereby any Soldier could be pensioned unless positive & disinterested proof of service could be made, and that he was not in indigent circumstances, and therefore did not apply.

Sworn to and subscribed the Day and year aforesaid.

S/ P. T. Grigg, Chair

S/ William Ledford, X his mark {Seal}

[Joseph Parker and John Parker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Cleveland County

On this 10th day of May 1846 personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the said County William Ledford a resident of said County aged Ninety years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration which he made some time in the year 1843. That he Set forth in that declaration three tours of duty done as a private in the Cavalry. That besides that duty he served as a private in Captain Ballinsly [or Ballingsby] Company one tour of three months and two other short tours the lengths he does not recollect but thinks that one of them tours was only six weeks in length, that this service he done as a volunteer before he was drafted, he thinks he volunteered in the year 1779 and the three tours as above stated and then he stood a draft and was drafted & served

nine months as a private in the Cavalry in tours of three months each.

This deponent further Declares that the reason why he did not set forth this Service in his former declaration was that one Mr. James Roberts who took his declaration told him not to put any service in his declaration that he done before he was drafted because he was not entitled to draw for the services he done as a volunteer.

This deponent further declares that from old age and loss of Memory he cannot tell the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For nine months he served as a Private of the Cavalry. For six months he served as a Private as a footman & a volunteer in the Militia and for such Services he claims a pension.

This deponent makes this declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 & that he makes this declaration as an amendment to his former Declaration.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the day and year first above written.
S/ Joseph Carroll, JP

S/ William Ledford, X his mark

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State of North Carolina County of Stokes

Be it known that on this 11th day of May 1846 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Stokes aforesaid Personally appeared Jacob Idol¹ a pensioner of the United States, a citizen of the County aforesaid, who being sworn, declares on his oath, that he was well acquainted with a certain William Ledford in time of the Revolutionary War he lived in Rowan County near Surry County line, in which this Deponent lived though they lived neighbors, that he recollects of the said Ledford having been in the service as a private of the Cavalry in a Captain W. Davis' Company under command of Colonel John Lopp of Rowan he believes said Ledford served a Tour of three months in the year 1779 or 1780, & also he thinks said William Ledford Served another Tour in the foot militia Company under Captain Billingsly [James Billingsley] of Rowan County though not in the same Company with this deponent. He does not recollect whether it was before or after the Cavalry Service. Sworn to & subscribed before me.

S/ J. Banner, JP

S/ Jacob Idol, X his mark

[p 43: power of attorney dated September 25, 1852 given in Cleveland County North Carolina by the veteran to his nephew, A. R. Homesley [?] to pursue the veteran's claim for a pension. He signed this document with his mark.

[p 27: NC Comptroller's certificate of money paid to a William Ledford for military service during the Revolution:

¹ [Jacob Idol W7859](#)

State of North Carolina
Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts
in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that it
appears of record in my office, among the payments made
by said State, to sundry persons for Military services in
the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

William Sutford

Book No. 5 page 38, £52 \$16 - specie

" " 5 " 25, £10 - "

Also the following payments, to Captain John Lopp
for Militia services of himself and Company

Vol. A. 4835, £361 \$7 specie Ditto 4841, £365 \$6 specie

Ditto 4852, £134 \$10 specie, Ditto 4835 £752 \$16 D 11 specie

Also to Captain James Billingsley for Militia services of
himself and company Vol. A. 8802, £274 \$1 specie

Ditto 8803 £321 \$4 specie -

Also to Captain William Davis for Militia services of
himself and company Vol. A. 5298 £116 \$8 specie -

This Volume, marked A. has, lately, been received from
the Pension Office, in Washington City, where it had been
for years, and consequently the above information could
not previously have been derived from this Office -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed my
seal of office this 29th day of May 1852

Wm. J. Clarke Comptroller

Raleigh N.C.
Comptroller's office
No 8 1845

I William P. Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts
in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby
certify that the name of William Seaford
appears of record in my office as having
had issued in his favor for Military Service
The following specie Certificates viz And
for Fifty Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings (£52.16)
issued Octr 1780 see Book No 5 page 38 and
one other for Four Pounds Six Shillings issued
Octr 1781 see Book No 8 page 2 given under
my hand and seal the day above
written

Wm Collins Comptroller