

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Lee R6250      Keziah Lee

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State of Kentucky Pulaski Circuit Court Sct. April Term 1818

James Lee (aged about fifty-seven years old) came into Court & made oath that he enlisted as a Regular soldier in the Service of the United States & Continental establishment in Fauquier County and State of Virginia in the year 1777 under Captain Strother Jones for the Term of three years, Regiment commanded by Colonel Grayson belonging to the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] which Term the said Lee states he served out fully & completely & was discharged at Richmond in Virginia & the said Lee states further that he is unable to labor & is poor which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

And it is further ordered that it be Certified to the Secretary of the War Department of the United States that the proof taken & recorded respecting the Enlistment Service &c of James Lee was so done with a view of his being placed on the pension List in Conformity with the act of Congress to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 & that such was the Desire of the Applicant aforesaid.

[Attested by William Fox the Clerk of court of Pulaski County Kentucky October 30, 1818.]

I certify in addition to my certificate above, that this day James Lee appeared before me & made oath, that to the best of his knowledge, recollection & belief Colonel Grayson's Regiment in which he was a soldier was part of the Virginia line upon Continental establishment.

Given under my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November A.D. 1819

S/ Thomas Montgomery, Judge of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Kentucky

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Pulaski County Court Sct. March Term 1821

Schedule

Pulaski County Court Sct.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County established by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Kentucky having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the Course of the Common law James Lee of said County aged sixty-seven and a resident in Pulaski County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary [war] as follows, that on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June in the year 1777 he enlisted as a Common Soldier in the regular

Service of the United States upon Continental establishment for the Term of three years, he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Strother Jones in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Grayson in the Brigade commanded by General Charles Scott he served out the full Term of three years and was discharged at Richmond by Colonel Nathaniel Gist which discharge he has lost not thinking it of any value.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Two cows and calves of the value of \$20, 9 hogs of the value of \$15, 12 Geese of the value of \$6, \$6 worth of pot mettle, 12 sheep of the value of \$12, nothing owing to him and owes \$35. He states that he is by occupation a tiller of the Brown but unable to labor scarcely any from infirmity and old age his Wife is almost 45 and is very sickly and unable to labor. He has a son named Willis Green living with him 15 years old, able to work and has also living with him John, Charles, Bethel, Polly, <sup>Drewry</sup> & Anna of the following ages, 12, eight, 7, five, 3 and two years old, which are a charge to him, the said James Lee produced his Certificate for a Pension No. 16,260.

S/ James Lee

[p 14: On October 27, 1856 in Boone County Indiana, Drury Lee, 42, a resident of Louisville, Boone County in said state made application for a pension under the 1838 act stating that he is the son of James Lee who was a drummer a private soldier in the Virginia line and was placed on the pension roll at the rate of \$96 per annum; that his father died in Pulaski County Kentucky December 25, 1836; that at the time of his death he was survived by his widow, the mother of the declarant and several children; that his mother's name prior to her marriage was Kezier Mobley; that his parents married in Madison County Kentucky in 1790 or 1791; that his mother continued to live in Pulaski County Kentucky unmarried until her death April 12, 1844; that while his parents were married they had the following children:

William Lee born March 17, 1792 – Alive

Lewis Lee born in 1794 – – Dead

Elizabeth Smith Lee born 11 July, 1796 – Alive

Willis Lee born 1799 – Dead

Benjamin Lee born 1804 – Dead

John Lee born June 15, 1806 – Alive

Charles B Lee born 26 March 1808 – Alive

James B Lee born 12 March 1810 – Dead

Mary Lee Godby born 1812 – Alive

Drury Lee born 14 June 1814 – Alive

Anne Lee Godby born 1816 – Alive.

He filed his claim for the pension due his mother as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. He signed his application with his mark.]

[p 39: in an undated affidavit given in Boone County Indiana, William Lee gave testimony that he was born in 1792 that he is a farmer by occupation; that he was born in Pulaski County in Tennessee to James and Keziah Lee; that his father died December 25, 1836; that his father married Keziah Mobeley in Madison County Kentucky he thinks in 1790; that his mother died April the 12<sup>th</sup> 1844 in Pulaski County Kentucky; that he was his parents oldest child; that he lived with his parents until he was 27 years old; that he has heard his mother's brother, John Mobeley speak about his parents marriage; that he names the same children and birth dates as given by his brother Drury in the affidavit above except that he adds that Mary Lee is now married to John Godby and Anne Lee is now married to Gabriel Godby. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]