

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lee R6251

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County: SS

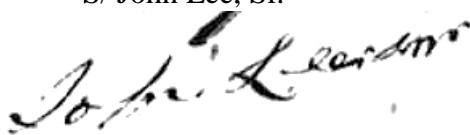
On this 10th day of September 1834 personally appeared before us Nathan T. Allen & William B. Allen two of the acting Justices of the peace & Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid John Lee of the County & State aforesaid, aged about Seventy Nine years, who being first 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 & Served as herein Stated, Viz. -- that in June 1778 he enlisted in a Company of Light Horse or State Troops Commanded by Captain John Whitley – Lieutenant Kedar Powel [Kedar Powell], for three years or during the War, that by agreement when he enlisted as it was then so called, he was always to be ready at a moment's Warning, to march to suppress any riot, Disturbance or Insurrection that might happen in the State, as also to drive Cattle & hogs from wherever they might be procured to the Public Store Houses, so-called there being three of them in Johnson [sic, Johnston] County, in different Sections thereof being houses where provisions & clothing were deposited for the use of the American Army. Also another in Dobbs County now called Wayne, also he was to be ready to carry clothing or provisions to the American Army wherever ordered &c he Enlisted in the month of June as already stated, on Sunday & on the Thursday following he with others was ordered to march to Louisburg in Franklin County in order to drive Hogs for the use of the Army stationed there – which they did & delivered to the Commissary from thence they returned to Johnston County & became actively employed in procuring corn, beef, pork &c & conveying them to the public Stores. Sometimes they had to kill & salt the beef & Hogs. Some time after his entrance in the Service, the time he does not recollect, the Captain with Twenty men, of whom this applicant was one, was ordered to carry clothing to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army, encamped beyond the Congaree River in South Carolina – they returned from thence & he became actively employed as before stated till Major Gregg [sic, James Craig] evacuated the Town of Wilmington – when the whole of Captain Whitley's Company rendezvoused at the camp in Dobbs County when the whole Company was ordered to march towards New Bern, and he believes with the intention of intercepting Major Craig in his march that way – when they got below Kinston in Lenoir County, the guard one night took a Tory prisoner, next morning the applicant with two others, were ordered to carry the prisoner back to their Camp in Dobbs County, they done so & the company went on. When the Company returned he became employed as before -- & had also to go to several of the adjoining Counties, to quell disturbances caused by the Tory Party – So Continued until the End of the War & were dismissed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present

and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or [if any] Only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

S/ John Lee, Sr.



Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Nathan T. Allen, JP

S/ Wm B. Allen, JP

Questions propounded to the applicant by the Justices of the peace & Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Johnston County

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born on the waters of Mill Creek Johnston County State of North Carolina at the 25th August 1755.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: My name & date of Birth was recorded in a Book, which one of my uncles carried with him when he moved away to a new Country.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living on the Waters of Mill Creek in Johnston County & have lived on the same place ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I am not able to answer the Question but by Stating facts, it was a voluntary thing on my part – certain duties being named to me for me to perform as Stated in my application which I agreed to & my name was Enrolled in the Company – which was called Enlisting.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: From the nature of my Services I had no acquaintance with any regular Officers or Regiments either Militia or Continental nor was I with any but a very Short time when I went to General Greene's Camps in South Carolina

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I never received a written discharge. When the news of peace arrived our Officers told us they had no further use for us -- & every one went to his own home.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I believe I might call on any of my neighbors, as to my character for Veracity, but will name the Reverend Jesse Adams of the Baptist Church & William Bryan a respectable Citizen of this County. I will also mentioned Dickson Fail¹ & Lem Lee,² who knew some of my Services.

Sworn to the day & year first above written.

1 [Dixon Fail S6833](#)

2 [Lemuel Lee R6253](#)

S/ John Lee, Sr.

S/ Nathan P. Allen, JP

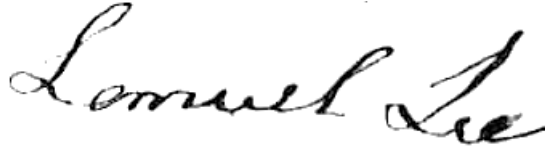
S/ Wm B. Allen, JP

[Jesse Adams, a clergyman, and William Bryan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Lemuel Lee of the County of Johnston do hereby certify that the applicant John Lee did Enlist and Serve in the revolutionary War as by him Stated, having enlisted at the same time & served in the same Service, although not always together – but still in the same company.

Sworn to the day & year first above written.

S/ Lemuel Lee



S/ Nathan P. Allen, JP

S/ Wm B. Allen, JP

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October 20th, 1834

I Dixon Fail of the County of Johnston and State of [paper damaged and text missing] do hereby Sertify that John Lee did Enlist and did Serve as by me stated in his Declaration and did Enlist under Captain John Whitley and did Serve to my knowing in the Light Horse Company. Sworn to the day and year first above written.

S/ John Lee, JP

S/ Dixon Fail, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

Be it known that before me Right Ryals a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Zachariah Lee aged ___ years and made oath in due form of Law he was well acquainted with John Lee late of the County of Johnston aforesaid that resided near him and that he was the identical person who served in the Revolutionary War and that he served nine months at one time, six months at another and three months at another time – that he served under Col. John Washington and General Linkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] – that he was in the battle at Briar Creek in South Carolina and other places. And that the said John Lee was lawfully married to Morning Altman of said County about the year 1782 and there Oldest Child was born October the 28th 1784 which shows on the family record.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ninth day of May A.D. 1853

S/ Right Ryals, JP

S/ Zachariah Lee, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

Be it known, That before me Robert Massengill a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Personally appeared Osbourn Dunn aged ___ years and made oath in due form of law, That John Lee, late of the County of Johnston aforesaid, was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, with England, and that he served in said War 9 months at one time, 6 months at another and 3 at another time – that he was stationed at Wilmington for some length of time but does not know how long, that he was in the battle at Briar Creek in South Carolina and Served under Colonel

John Washington and General Linkhorn.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 10th day of May A.D. 1853

S/ R. Massengill, JP

S/ Ausbon Dunn, X his mark

[p 5: Power of attorney dated March 4, 1853 executed in Johnston County North Carolina by John Lee, son of John Lee Senior.

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[p 27: on August 29th, 1855 in Johnston County North Carolina, John Lee, 59, made application for the pension due his father, John Lee, as a soldier in the Revolutionary war having served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Washington and General Linkhorn; that his father served 3 tours, one for 9 months, one for 6 months and one for 3 months and was at the battle of Briar Creek in South Carolina; that his father died and was survived by the following children and none other: John Lee, Thomas Lee, Joanna Clifford and Edith Two [?]³; that his father died in Johnston County North Carolina October 15, 1836.]

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