

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Lee R6256

Mary Lee

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State of Indiana Tippecanoe Circuit Court: Of April Term of said Court in the year 1837  
Tippecanoe County, to wit – On this seventeenth day of April in the year 1837 personally appeared in open court before the said Circuit Court for Tippecanoe County in the State of Indiana being a court of record by the Constitution and laws of said State, the said Court being now in session, David Lee, a resident of Lawrence Township in the said County of Tippecanoe aged seventy-one years in January last, who being duly sworn on his solemn oath deposes and says and makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he first entered the service of the United States in the spring of 1782? [last digit written over and illegible] and was enrolled when fifteen years of age on Bear Brass Creek about ten miles above the falls of Ohio River in the State of Kentucky at a place called Sturgess' Station in the company of Captain Sturgess [might be Capt. James Sturges or Sturgis] (who was killed the same fall of the said year by the Indians on Beshears [probably intended to be Brashear's Creek] or Floyds Creek). His was a volunteer company and deponent served for the space of three months in guarding the Fort and protecting the frontiers against the Indians and frequently had to pursue them. He then removed to Salt River in the same State upon the rolling Branch of said River and was enrolled in the company of Captain Samuel Pottinger and in the Spring of the year 1782 and commenced Clark's [George Rogers Clarke's] campaign in the month of August 1782 and Colonel Clark commanded – Green had a small company of regular soldiers. He marched up the Ohio crossed the Ohio River at the mouth of Licking and built a blockhouse where Cincinnati now stands and then went out and cut a road to the two Indian towns on the West or upper side of the Big Miami (Shawnee towns) which he assisted in destroying – got back to the Ohio River at Cincinnati on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 1782. Had a wounded man named Captain McCracken who died there – the blockhouse was burnt over his grave to keep the Indians from finding him. Colonel William Linn was killed by the Indians – as also Morgan and Martin – three men were taken prisoners by the Indians – an old man and two sons named Summitt. He went home towards the last of November 1782 – Nothing of special consequence happened in the year 1783 in which this deponent was concerned. In the year 1782 the Indians were very troublesome. In the first part of this Summer we were compelled to stand as Sentry every night around the Fort and every day around the corn patches while they were tended. In the year 1784 this deponent was drafted as a private in the company of Samuel Pottinger Captain and was sent to Boone's Station in the State of Kentucky where he was detained from 30 to 40 days and for the ensuing three years this deponent was frequently called upon and compelled to scour through the country as express man. That in all these expeditions

he found his own rifle and accoutrements and also his own provisions and was his own pack horse. The deponent further swears that he was born in the January of the 27<sup>th</sup> day in the year 1766 – that he has no record whatever of his age because his father died without leaving to him any Memorial of his birth. That he was born in the State of New Jersey from which at a very early age his father removed to the River Potomac and thence to the Salt River in Kentucky about 15 or 16 miles South of Beardstown. Since the Revolutionary war he has lived in Hamilton County Ohio until he removed to this State and County on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1829 since which time he has continued as a citizen and resident of this County. He served as a volunteer and always chose their own Captain and when he returned home became his own master – and never received any regular written discharge. That he is known to Dr. L. Hairman, William Majors, Esquire, Mr. William Campbell, William Skinner Esquire Sheriff, James N. Majors, Jacob Smith and others. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1837 as set forth above.

S/ David Lee



[Loyal Hairman, a clergyman, and William Skinner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On September 20, 1854 in Tippecanoe County Indiana, Mary Lee, 89, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of David Lee; that her husband served under Captain Pottinger in the minute men commanded by General Clark; that her husband volunteered at Barnett's Fort; that she was married to him at Barnett's Fort July 11, 1785 by the Reverend Joseph Barnett; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Osborn; that her husband died in Tippecanoe County Indiana January 10, 1852 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1784 in the name of David Lee as Sol. Cav. [Soldier of Cavalry] and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £39.11.8, delivered to Mr. Ruffin but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
14 day of September 1854.

S/ G. N. Chutter  
Auditor Pub. Accts.

[No Seal of Office]