

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Zachariah Lee R6260

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Virginia At a Court held at the Courthouse for the County of Botetourt on Monday the 12th day of May 1834

On this 12th day of May in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court (the same being a Court of record for Botetourt County) Zachariah Lee now a resident of Botetourt County and State of Virginia aged about sixty 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 provision of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. that he was born in Albemarle County in the year 1765 from the best information he can obtain on the subject and his Father with this applicant [several illegible words] he moved to Rockingham County State of Virginia and when this applicant was about fourteen years old he volunteered his services in the company under the Command of Captain Michael Coker [sic: Michael Coger] was marched to near Richmond where he joined a Regiment under the Command of Colo. William Harris and was marched to different places in lower Virginia but being illiterate and ignorant of the Geography of the Country he cannot specify the several places at which [several illegible words] during this Campaign this applicant states that he served six months during this Tour and was detained some time [illegible word] the other troops arrived but this applicant claims for six months only for this tour as he cannot precisely specify how much longer he was detained. this applicant states that after he was discharged he returned to Rockingham and remained at home but about three weeks when he was drafted into service under the Command of Capt. James Frazier and rendezvoused at Rockingham Court house from whence he was marched to Petersburg Virginia and from thence to Hobbs' Hole [on Rappahannock River, near Tappahannock] at or near which last named place this applicant in a Skirmish with the Enemy was wounded in his leg from a musket ball or Buck shot which rendered him for some time unfit for service. he states that he served six months this tour, after which he returned home and remained a short time and was again drafted into the service under Captain Jeremiah Beazly and rendezvoused at Rockingham Court House and was attached to Colo. Harris's Regiment and marched to the confines of Virginia and Carolina where he served six months during this Campaign this applicant was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] after which he returned home and remained a little upwards of two months when he was drafted into service under the Command of Captain William Awl and was marched to the lower part of Virginia and remained in the service three months this tour and was discharged. This applicant is confident that in two of the Tours above stated he was detained in service longer than six months but being at that time very young he cannot with precision state exactly how long and therefore to be perfectly safe he claims but six months for each of the two tours above named. This applicant as before alleged, states that he was very young when he entered the service, that he was illiterate and unacquainted with the Geography of the Country and consequently cannot specify more distinctly than he has done the different encampments to which he was ordered during his services. This applicant states that after he was discharged from his fourth and last Campaign he returned to Rockingham where he remained till about twenty five or thirty years ago when he removed to Botetourt Virginia where he now resides & has resided ever since. This applicant states that he remembers that he was a part of his Service under the Command of Gen'l. Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] but does not recollect the number of his regiment he was during his Campaign to Carolina under the Command of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and that he was as before stated in a Skirmish with the Enemy at Hobb's Hole in which he was wounded that he was in the Battle of Guilford that he has no record of his age. that if he ever received a written discharge he has lost it that he has no written evidence of his service nor does he know any person now living in the Country from whom he can prove it distinctly except an Witness whose affidavit is herewith sent who knows that he served more than one or two

Terms of service but witness does not recollect how many each time.

This applicant is known in the neighbourhood by James Murry and Basil Hall, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state whatever. given under my hand on the day year first above written
Zachariah hisXmark Lee

NOTES:

Some documents in the file are entirely illegible.

On 12 Nov 1833 Zachariah Lee made a declaration that appears to be similar to the one above, with the following differences:

- 1) "his Father with this applicant removed when he was about four years old to Rockingham County."
- 2) In his second tour "he was drafted into service under the command of Captn James Frazier and Rendezvoused at Rockingham Court House under the Command of Captn William Harris and from thence marched to Petersburg."
- 3) In his third tour he "was again drafted into the service under Captain Jeremiah Beazly and Rendezvoused at Rockingham Court House and was again attached to the regiment under the command of Colo. William Harris's Regiment and marched to the confines of Carolina."
- 4) In his fourth tour he "was again Drafted into service under the Command of Captain William Awl and was attached to Colo. Harris Regiment and marched to the lower part of Virginia"

Lee's claim was rejected pending "further proof and explanation."