

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Lewis R6308

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State of Kentucky County of Christian: SS

On this 17th day of June A.D. 1858 personally appeared before the undersigned Police Judge of the Town of Hopkinsville of Christian County State of Kentucky – Margaret W Juny late Margaret W Worthington aged thirty years (she being unwell and too weak and feeble to attend in Open Court) and great-granddaughter of Brigadier General Andrew Lewis and now a resident of Hopkinsville Christian County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain for herself and the other Heirs at law hereinafter named the benefit of the several acts of Congress granting pensions to the Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution and to their Heirs –

That the said Brigadier General Andrew Lewis as she is informed and believes was commissioned by the Continental Congress of the United States and entered the Service of the United States on or about the first day of March 1776 and served as herein stated, –

That he was ordered and did take the Command of the Troops in Virginia, Where he was stationed, and discharged such duties from time to time as was required of him by the said Congress and continued in the discharge of those duties in actual service of the United States – until the 15th April 1777 at which time his resignation was made and accepted by Congress –

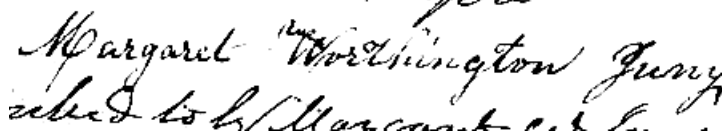
That she is unable at this distant day to state more particularly the Services rendered by the said General Andrew Lewis than is found in the Journals of Congress from the first March 1776 to the 15th April 1777 – that she has no other documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony she can procure who can testify to his particular services, –

That she is informed that said General Andrew Lewis died in the state of Virginia in the year 1782 – but before or after his wife this affiant is unable to state, – That the said General Andrew Lewis as she is informed and believes died leaving at his death one daughter Anna Lewis and some other children but how many of what manner or residence she is unable to State. – Anna the daughter of General Andrew Lewis and great-grandmother of this affiant, married Captain Roland Madison by whom she had four children (to wit) Eliza – John Lewis and Roland Madison – that John and Lewis died without issue – That Eliza married Edward Worthington by whom she had 9 children (to wit) Madison S the father of this affiant, John aged 56 – James 52 – Roland M aged 48, Mary – Edward – Lucy & Patsy and Jane that Roland M is now living in or near Ruskville Illinois – Mary – Edward and Lucy died without issue – Patsey married James L English and had issue one child Elizabeth M English age now about 21 – Jane married Charles Shackelford by whom she had 3 children to wit – Lucy Lewis aged about 14 – Edward W about 12 and Elizabeth or Eliza about 8 years – and then departed this life. Madison S Worthington

married Mary T Worthington – and died in 1834 leaving 4 children (to wit) Margaret W (this affiant) who hath since married F. A. Juny the other 3 children died while children in 1837 & 1838.

She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that her name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State of the United States.

S/ Margaret Worthington Juny



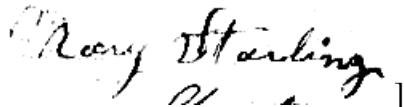
Margaret Worthington Juny
witnessed to by [unclear]

[p 6: Affidavit dated June 17, 1858 in Christian County Kentucky given by Mary T Venable, whose maiden name was Mary T Worthington, who married in 1824 Madison S Worthington, great-grandson of Brigadier General Andrew Lewis; that Madison T Worthington died in 1834.



Mary T Venable]

[p 8: On June 17, 1858 in Christian County Kentucky, Mary Starling, 71, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Anna Madison late Anna Lewis daughter of General Andrew Lewis; that she died in Mercer County Kentucky about 60 years ago; that Captain Roland Madison her husband died in Warren County Kentucky some 4 or 5 years after her death; that Roland and Anna Madison left 4 children, Eliza commonly called Betsey – John – Lewis and Roland; that John and Lewis died without issue; that Eliza or Betsey married Edward Worthington by whom she had 9 children – viz. Madison S, Margaret W, John, James, Roland, Mary, Edward, Lucy, Patsey & Jane; that Mary, Edward & Lucy died without issue; that Patsey married James L English and died leaving one child Elizabeth; that Jane married Charles Shackelford and died leaving 3 children – Lucy, Edward and Elizabeth.



Mary Starling]

[p 14: letter summarizing the contents of this file contains the following statements:

"He [General Andrew Lewis] died in 1782, in Virginia, at a place which in 1858, was called Buford Station on the Tennessee and Virginia Railroad. The name and the date of death of his wife are not shown.

"It was further stated that General Andrew Lewis left the following children, John, Samuel, Thomas, Andrew, William and Anna.

"Said Anna Lewis married Captain Roland Madison. She died about 1798 in Mercer County, Kentucky, and he died 4 or 5 years later in Warren County, Kentucky, leaving the following children:

Eliza or Betsey Madison
John Madison he died without issue
Lewis Madison who died without issue
Roland T Madison

"Said Eliza or Betsey Madison married Edward Worthington and had the following children:

Madison S Worthington

John Worthington aged 56 years in 1858
James Worthington aged 52 years in 1858
Roland W Worthington aged 48 years in 1858
Mary Worthington who died without issue
Edward Worthington who died without issue
Lucy Worthington who died without issue
Patsey Worthington
Jane C Worthington

"Said Patsey Worthington married James L English and their child, Elizabeth M English, was 21 years of age in 1858.

"Said Jane C Worthington married Charles Shackelford and they had the following children:

Lucy Lewis Shackelford age 14 years in 1858
Edward Worthington Shackelford aged 12 years in 1858
Elizabeth or Eliza Madison Shackelford aged 8 years in 1858

"Said Madison S Worthington married in 1824, Mary T Worthington and they had children: Margaret W (the above named claimant) who married J. A. Juny, and three other children (names not given) who died in 1837 and 1838. Madison S Worthington died in 1834 and his widow, Mary T, married Doctor George Venable.

"The claim of Margaret W Juny was not allowed as there was no existing law under which the descendents of revolutionary soldiers were entitled to pension."

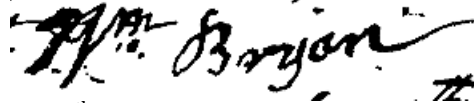
[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

The affidavit of William Bryan of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia taken before me James Cartmill a Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was born in the year 1755 and that about the 13th year of his age he became acquainted with General Andrew Lewis of the County aforesaid that from his first acquaintance with said Lewis until the commencement of the Revolutionary War he lived in the same neighborhood with said General Andrew Lewis and was Intimate in his family. That he the said William Bryan well recollects of his the said Lewis having received the appointment of a Brigadier General in the Continental service early in the year 1776 and of his marching directly onto Williamsburg and taking the command of his Brigade. That he the said William Bryan further recollects of seeing said General Lewis immediately on his return home from the service, but that his recollection does not now serve him sufficiently well to enable him to say exactly how long said General Lewis remained in the service but from the best Judgment he can form of it respects said time of service he thinks it must have been considerable, upwards of three years: and said Bryan further states that after the return of said Lewis from the Army he still continued to live in the same neighborhood with said General Lewis [image compromised at the bottom of it and text missing] and that

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liable to be called out again at any time at the pleasure of General Washington said Bryan further states that he always during the Revolutionary War heard said General Andrew Lewis spoken of as a highly Meritorious officer and further this Deponent saith not.

S/ Wm Bryan



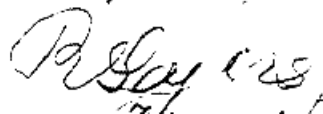
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February 1824

S/ Jas. Cartmill

Wythe County Virginia February 4th, 1824

This day Crockett Ingles applied to me to state what I knew respecting the time of General Andrew Lewis's service in the war of the Revolution. I can only say that I was a first Lieutenant and Captain Crockett's Company of the 7th Virginia Regiment, and marched to Williamsburg early in the spring of 1776 where said General Andrew Lewis commanded [word too faint to discern] thence we marched to Guins Island [Gwynn Island] in Gloucester County where the General was and continued during the siege at that place against Lord Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the colony of Virginia] in the fall of the same year we returned again to Williamsburg after spending some time in York and Gloucester town making batteries &c at Williamsburg the troops became sickly and a considerable number of them died. I had a severe spell myself and when I became able the General gave me leave to [the bottom of this image is compromised and missing at this point] to Williamsburg the spring following where he was still in command and ordered me to March a party that had been in the Hospital and had recovered to joined the grand Army the Regiment having been previously taken into Continental establishment and marched to the grand Army under the command of General Washington which is all I know respecting his Service. Witness my hand

S/ R. Sayers [Robert Sayers]¹



The Affidavit of Douglass Irby² of lawful Age & being first sworn taken in the County of Botetourt & State of Virginia on Monday the 25th day of January in the year 1823 who deposeseth & saith as follows

That he enlisted as a Soldier in the Continental Establishment in the year 1775 with Captain John Jones in the County of Dunwoody [Dinwiddie] & that in the spring of 1776 he with the company which he belonged to marched to Williamsburg where the main Army of the Virginia line under Continental establishment were then quartered, that the Brigade to which this deponent was attached to, was commanded by General Andrew Lewis that this deponent served there until the latter end of the year 1776 during which time this deponent frequently served as Orderly Sergeant to the said General Lewis that about the close of the said year 1776 this deponent joined the Artillery & went to Portsmouth opposite Norfolk & that in the fall of the year 1777, this deponent was called upon to go with Captain William Hiley Avery to Williamsburg who went there for the purpose of receiving some instructions from General Andrew Lewis relative to his March with some of the troops to the North where the said Captain

¹ In the acknowledgment, this affiant is referred to as "Robert Sawyers" and on the index card as "Robert Sayers" Gwathmey lists him as "Robert Sayres." Since he clearly signed his name "Robert Sayers" on his own documents, I've used it. See, [Robert Sayers BLWt351-300](#) which contains a very clear signature.

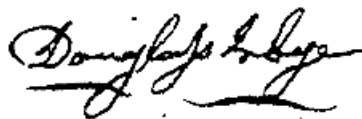
² [Douglass Irby S38069](#)

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Know as he did not return again to Williamsburg. This deponent never having understood that General Lewis did resign his Commission is therefore inclined to think that he continued in service long after the fall of 1777 but how long this Deponent cannot undertake with certainty to state. Further this deponent saith not

S/ Douglass Irby



[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Bedford County Legislative Petitions

To the Honourable the Speakers & Members of the Senate & House of Delegates of the Virginia legislature

The petition of Andrew Lewis³ respectfully represents that his Father, General Andrew Lewis received the commission of Brigadier General in the Virginia line on Continental establishment at the commencement of the War of the Revolution; he entered upon the duties of his appointment & continued in the service up to the time of his death; which event happened about years after the commencement of the War, as he was traveling from the Army to visit his family in the County of Botetourt; it will be seen by a letter from the Commander in Chief addressed to General Lewis; that he not only had the Commission of Brigadier General but that he was in actual service; and that General Washington considered his services as important to the Country – this letter accompanies this petition & is prayed to be regarded as part of it = Your petitioner qualified as an executor to his Father's [estate] and transacted all the business of his estate, had the care of all his papers; some time after the death of his Father he was appointed to the command of a Company destined to guard the frontier of Virginia from the incursions of the Savages during his absence which was for nearly three years; most of the papers belonging to his father were accidentally destroyed amongst those destroyed as he believes were his Commission & several letters addressed to him from General Washington on the subject of his duties in the service. Your petitioner after the loss of these papers was led to suppose that an application for the bounty land to which his Father was entitled as one of the Officers of the Virginia line would be unavailing & in consequence thereof made no attempt to obtain it; – and neither his father in his lifetime; nor his representatives since have received any portion of that bounty which was promised by the State to those who should offer their bosoms as her shield in the hour of danger but he is advised that he may with confidence hope from Your Justice that such a rigid construction of the law would deny him: at the time of General Lewis' death his family were in affluent; there education is now materially altered; so much so that the bounty land to which General Lewis was as they conceive justly entitled would materially alleviate the condition of his descendents who by unavoidable circumstances have been reduced to poverty; his sword was ever at the service of his Country he had fought in the French & Indian War preceding the Revolution & with devotion embarked in her Cause so soon as she unfurled her banner in the

³ [Andrew Lewis W3431](#)

Struggle for independence, he therefore prays that a law may be passed authorizing a warrant to issue to his heirs for the land to which he was entitled & as in duty bound he will ever pray.

S/ A. Lewis



[Reverse]

Andrew Lewis

December 5th 1827

Referred to Claims

1827 December 31st Laid on table

1828 January 2 Rejected by the Executive

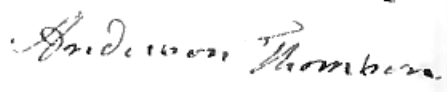
1828 January 3rd laid on table

10th Rejected

11 Reported

The affidavit of Captain Anderson Thomson aged 73 years being duly sworn saith, that some time in the spring of 1776 he became acquainted with General Andrew Lewis who was then acting in the capacity of a Brigadier General and this deponent thinks he commanded the third Virginia Continental brigade. This deponent was a Lieutenant in the said Virginia Continental Regiment and while he was stationed at a place called Horse Point the Regiment to which he belonged was visited by General Lewis who was commander of the brigade. This deponent further says that sometime in the year 1777 he was at Williamsburg and that General Lewis was then stationed at that place and had command of all the Continental troops stationed in that quarter. The deponent further says that sometime thereafter General Lewis as he was informed left Williamsburg for the purpose of visiting his family in Botetourt County and died upon his way to that place. The deponent further says that he believes the said General Lewis held his commission until the time of his death.

S/ Anderson Thomson⁴



[Attested in Bedford County Virginia November 3, 1827]

A letter of General George Washington to General Lewis dated 3rd March 1777 – Affidavit of Nathan Chapman & Elisha Bowles accompanying petition of Colonel Andrew Lewis – presented Session of 1827 – '28 – withdrawn by me.

March 21st, 1831

S/ John T Anderson

⁴ [Anderson Thomson \(Thompson\) S17145](#)