

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Lewis R6309      Catharine      fn52NC  
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State of Tennessee Claiborne County

On this 22nd day of December 1832 personally appeared before me William McNew a Justice of the peace in & for said County Solomon Lewis resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged eighty-one years, who being 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 the 7th 1832.

He says, that in consequence of bodily infirmity and old age, he is unable to go to a court of record, it being twenty-two miles distant.

He says, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

He states, that he was born in Cumberland County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1750 as he [sic, it] has been recorded in his father's Bible, of which record he has a copy and that he was living when called into the service in Surry County in the State last aforesaid: from there he moved to Henry County in the State of Virginia, from there he moved to Washington County in the State of Tennessee, & from there to Claiborne County in the State last aforesaid, where he now resides.

He says he entered the service of the United States a volunteer in the militia of North Carolina & continued a volunteer all the time he served in the Army, which was two years & six months.

He says that his first tour was a three months tour under the command of Captain Richard Good, Major Winston and Colonel Martin Armstrong & marched from Surry County in the State of North Carolina, to Fayetteville, & from there to Black River & there took the Scotch Camp, at the taking of which General McCloud got killed, he was the Scott commander, the United States troops was commanded at that place by General Martin Thaxton & Lyncoln [sic, Lincoln?] to the best of his recollection, & that they marched from there to Fayetteville again and was there dismissed.<sup>1</sup>

He states that his second tour was a six months tour under the same Captain his chief

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<sup>1</sup> Although his facts are very muddled, veteran appears to be describing the Battle of Moore's Creek bridge which occurred on February 27, 1776 between forces commanded by then Colonel Richard Caswell (the Whig commander) and Brigadier General Donald McDonald (the commander of the Tory forces).

commander was General Christie [sic, William Christian?] & was employed chiefly as Indian spies.

He says that his third Tour was a three month tour under the command of Captain James Shepherd & Colonel Benjamin Cleveland & marched from Surry County in State aforesaid to Camden in the State of South Carolina & was there dismissed.

He says his fourth Tour was a three month tour under the command of the same officers last mentioned and marched from the place last aforesaid to Camden in the place aforesaid & was there discharged & returned home again.

He states that his fifth Tour was a three months Tour under the command of Captain William Dobson & was employed chiefly in the pursuit of Tories in South Carolina.

He states that his sixth Tour was a three months Tour under the same officers & was employed in the like service in the same Country as above stated.

He says that his seventh Tour was a three months tour under Captain John Magibury & was employed chiefly as a Ranger.

He says that his eighth Tour was a three months Tour under the command of Captain Smith Moore, and that he entered the service in this Tour in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina & in this Tour he joined the Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], about two days before the battle was fought at Guilford Court house and he says that he was in that Battle, that it was fought on the fifteenth day of March 1781 the British was commanded by Lord Coin Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] & Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton], the American Army was commanded by General Nathaniel Greene.

He states that his ninth Tour was a standing Tour for three months at Guilford Court house under the command of John Rutherford Quarter Master & was employed chiefly in the butchering business.

He says he got a discharge in writing at the end of each Tour & that they all got burnt with his house about twenty years ago in the County where he now resides and that they were given by the captains he served under, with the exception of the last which was given by John Rutherford the Quarter Master.

He says that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person now living that can testify to his service. He says that William Rogers clergyman resident of Claiborne County & David Leach resident of the same place can testify that he is a man of character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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 any State. Sworn to & subscribed this day & year aforesaid

S/ Solomon Lewis, X his mark

[William Rogers, a clergyman, and David Leach gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: On this 5th day of August 1833 Personally appeared before me Frederick Balingier an acting justice of the peace and of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions in and for Claiborne County, one Solomon Lewis, who being first duly sworn as the law directs, doth on his oath make the following amendment to his pension declaration, which declaration was made before William McNew, a justice of the peace and of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions in and for said County, and bears date December the 22nd, 1832 and was numbered in the War Department No. 21927 and sent back for amendment,

He states that he has a record of his age now in his possession in his family Bible which he states he is a true copy of his father's record of his age taken long since which he believes to be a correct record.

He states that he was never drafted nor was he a substitute but was a Volunteer in all the towers in which he served, He states, that he does not know with certainty that he is acquainted with the names of any regular officers, who were with the troops where he served, nor the names or numbers of the Continental or militia regiments, nor the general circumstances of his service other than he has stated in his declaration,

He states that he did received discharges for all his different towers which were destroyed as stated in his declaration, and as well as recollected from the following named officers, Captain Richard Gold gave him his discharge for his first and second towers, the first was for three months and the second for six months, that for his third power he was discharged by his Captain James Shepherd, and by the same officer was he discharge for his fourth tower, And that for his fifth & sixth Towers he was discharged by Captain William Dobson, and for his seventh tower he was discharged by Captain John Mayibary, and for the his eighth tower he was discharged by Captain Smith Moore, and for his ninth power he was discharged by John Rutherford quarter master,

That he is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Captain William Bowman Senior David Wilson Major David Rogers Dr William Rogers and Peter Buler and Thomas McClain, all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier of the revolution. Sworn and subscribed before me this 5th day of August 1833.

S/ Solomon Lewis, X his mark

S/ F. Bolinger, JP

[fn p. 7: On November 9, 1843 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Catharine Lewis, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Solomon Lewis, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him in January 1790; that he died March 6, 1843.]

[fn p. 13: on August 1, 1853 in Claiborne County Tennessee Jesse Rogers, administrator of the estate of Catharine Lewis, widow of Solomon Lewis, filed an affidavit stating that she died August 25, 1845.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 2 years service in the revolution.]