

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Lewis R6314

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State of Georgia Tattnall County }

On this Second day of September in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary of Tattnall County then sitting George Lewis a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 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 made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 --

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He entered the service in the year of 1779 under a draft in the County of Richmond in the State of Georgia under Captain Townsend and marched to Spirit Creek to headquarters where he was stationed three months under command of General Twiggs [John Twiggs] Colonel Lewis [Thomas Lewis] and Major Bostick from there he marched to Brier Creek in Burke County and was stationed there two months under the same officers. He was then marched to Buckhead Creek in Burke County and was stationed two months under the same officers. Then he volunteered in an expedition to go to Riceboro in Liberty County against the British under command of General Twiggs Colonel Lewis & Captain Grant where they fought and was compelled to retreat back to headquarters he was then drafted in Burke County and marched to Ebenezer in Effingham County and was stationed there one month under command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] Colonel Emanuel and Captain Lewis he was then discharged verbally and returned to Burke County and was then in service after the Indians and Tories under command of Captain Lewis during the war which ended in 1783 -- He was to the best of his recollection in service as much as three years and six months he was a resident in Richmond County and State of Georgia when he first entered the Service and since the Revolution has been a resident of Tattnall County and State aforesaid for the last fifteen years past. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State whatever --

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ H. A. Smith, JIC

S/ George Lewis, X his mark

S/ E. McCall, JIC

S/ W. DeLoatch, JIC

[John Coward, a clergyman, and Horatio Cobb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Tattnall County: Personally appeared John Sharpe in open court and after being duly

sworn saith That he was well acquainted with George Lewis in time of the Revolutionary war I knew him to be a friend to his Country and in service with him two years.

Sworn & Subscribed in presence of third of September 1833

S/ Elhanan McCall, JIC

S/ John Sharp¹

S/ William Deloatch, JIC

S/ [illegible], JIC

Answers of George Lewis to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War department

Interrogatory 1st²

To which he answers he was born in Duplin County in the State of North Carolina and that he believes he was born in the year 1764

Interrogatory 2nd: He answers that there is a record of his age and that it is with his Brother in Early County

Interrogatory 3rd: He answers he was living in Richmond County in the State of Georgia when first called into service that he was living in Burke County N. the war ended and from there he moved to Washington County and from there he moved to Bullock County and from there to Tattnall where he is now a resident.

Interrogatory 4th: He answers he was drafted when first called out that he volunteered one tour and after that was a drafted man the war through --

Interrogatory 5th: He answers he never was with the regular troops that he was commanded by General Twiggs Colonel Lewis and Captain Townsend and was also under General Wayne Colonel Emanuel and Captain Lewis and was stationed as stated in his declaration.

Interrogatory the 6th: he answers he never received any discharge on a verbal ones.

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State of Georgia Tattnall County} On this 11th day of August 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court now sitting George Lewis a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy three years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration made on the __ day of __ in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated –

1st -- That he entered the service aforesaid in Richmond County Georgia in the year 1781 as a volunteer under Captain Lewis, that he marched to Spirit Creek in the said County of

¹ [John Sharp \(Sharpe\) S31962](#)

² Here the veteran begins to answer the 7 interrogatories promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a pension. Those 7 interrogatories were as follows:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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.

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

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Richmond under Captain Lewis, and was there stationed for two months under the command of Captain Lewis, Major Boykin, Colonel Lewis & General Twiggs, from thence he marched under the same officers to Briar Creek in Burke County Georgia, where he was stationed for two months, from thence he was marched to Buck Head in the said County of Burke under the aforesaid officers -- that he there received a written discharge from Captain Lewis, which discharge he has since lost, that in this tour he served not less than six months.

2nd -- That he entered the service of the United States in Burke County Georgia as a volunteer in the year 1781 in the company commanded by Captain Grant & marched under command of Captain Grant & Colonel McKay to Riceboro in Liberty County Georgia & was there engaged in a battle with the British, in which Captain Grant was killed & the Americans defeated; from thence he was marched under command of Colonel McKay to Buck-head in Burke County Georgia, & was there stationed for four months under the command of Colonel McKay: from thence he was marched under command of Colonel Emanuel to Ebenezer near Savannah Georgia, & was there stationed for about one month under command of General Wayne: from thence he was marched back to Buckhead under command of Colonel Emanuel, where he received a written discharge from Colonel Emanuel which said discharge he has since lost: that in this last named campaigns he served at least six months.

That he served as a private, that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except John Sharp of the County & state aforesaid; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 -- that he was born in Duplin County in North Carolina in the year 1761 and that his brother residing in Early County Georgia, has a record of his age in his father's handwriting that he has resided in Tattnall County for the last forty years -- that the following persons, to wit John Coward, James Smith and Luke L. Sapp reside in his neighborhood & to whom he is known & who can testify to his character for veracity & good behavior & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

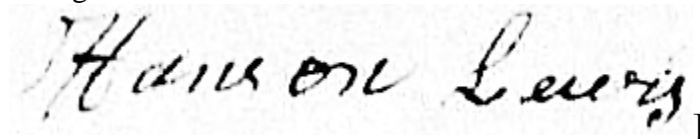
Sworn to & subscribed before us the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ George Lewis, X his mark

[John Coward, a clergyman, James Smith & old Luke L. Sapp gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John Sharpe gave another affidavit substantially identical to his prior affidavit but in this one he states he cannot say how long George Lewis served in the revolution.]

[p 11: In a power of attorney dated October 14, 1853 filed by Hanson Lewis in Tattnall County, he states that he is 50 years of age, and he is the son of George and Nancy Lewis; that George Lewis was a soldier of the revolution and died June 8, 1844; that his mother Nancy Lewis died January 20, 1842; that they were married in the year 1772 while residing in Burke County Georgia.



Hanson Lewis]