

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Lazarus Lewis (Whitehead) R6322
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State of North Carolina } SS

Halifax County } On this 22nd day of May eighteen hundred and forty four, personally appeared in Open Court, Before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions (County Court) for said County, now sitting, Lazarus Lewis alias Whitehead, a resident of said County & State, aged eighty one 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1932

That he Volunteered in the Service of the United States about the first of June (1780) seventeen hundred and eighty, with the following persons (To Wit) Lovet Burgess, Paddy Martin, Edward Crowel, Peter Morgan, & John Gaskins, for a term of three months, under the following named Officers (To Wit) Capt [Samuel] Lockhart and Lieutenant Dolphin Davis.

That he marched from the Town of Halifax NCa under comand of the aforesaid Capt Lockhart and Dolphin Davis, to Hillsborough NCa. And from Hillsborough NCa, he marched under Command of the aforesaid officers into the State of South Carolina, where they joined Gen [Horatio] Gates and his army. After joining Gen Gates's army, that they marched to Coles Bridge near the Town of Camden, South Carolina, where on the 16th day of August (1780), a general engagement took place between the British army and the American Army, and the latter under Command of the aforesaid Gen Gates was defeated. That During said engagement his Capt Lockhart fled and returned no more; and that Lieutenant Dolphin Davis took command of said Lockharts Commany, and that he the said Lazarus Lewis served out the remainder of said term under him the said Davis; and That after the Battle at Camden, he marched under command of the aforesaid Dolphin Davis, to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River, where he was regularly discharged, by said Davis; which discharge he has lost or distroyed. He further declares that, about the last of January (1781) seventeen hundred and eighty one, he Volunteered again for a term of three months, and served out the same, as one of the Guard in the Town of Halifax, NCa, under Capt. Kid, who was Capt of the Guard over the prisoners, in this said Town of Halifax NCa; that he does not recolect whether or not he took a discharge for his last term of service under the aforesaid Capt Kid; that if he did receive a discharge for his last term of service, he has lost or distroyed it; that the reason why he has never applied for a pension before, was in consequence of his having lost his discharges; believing that he could not obtain a pension without them. That 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 the agency of any State whatever. Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid in open Court
Lazarus hisXmark Lewis

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Warren County } On this 30th day of September 1850, personally appeared before me Samuel A. Williamson acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, John Burgess Esq. a resident of said County and State aged fifty years; who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, certify that he has been acquainted with old Mr. Lazarus Lewis, alias Whitehead of Halifax County NoCa from his boyhood up to the present time; that he was raised in the neighborhood of the said Lazarus Lewis, and knows that he has always been reputed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the Revolution; he further certifies, that he has frequently heard his Father Lovet Burgess (who was also a soldier of the Revolution) say that the aforesaid Lazarus Lewis alias Whitehead was in the service with him in said War of the Revolution; that they both served in the same Company under Captain Lockhart. He further certifies, that he well recolects to have heard his Father say, that the said Lazarus Lewis and himself were both in the Battle at Camden in South Carolina commanded by General Gates, in which engagement their General Gates was defeated and retreated; and that his father and said Lazarus Lewis fought in Gen'r Gate's advance guard under General De Calb [sic:

De Kalb]. He also further certifies that his Father the said Lovet Burgess, in his life time, drew a plan of the battle ground at Camden South Carolina, and left a record of the names of all the Soldiers who volunteered with him from Halifax County No.Ca., (whis record Affiant now has in his possission) and amongst the names recorded, is the name of the aforesaid Lazarus Lewis alias Whitehead; Affiant is confident that said Lazarus Lewis (from what he has understood from his father) served with him in said War of the Revolution as much as three months if no more. This Affiant also further certifies that he knows the said Lazarus Lewis alias Whitehead to be a highly respectable old gentleman, and a man of strict veracity, and that full faith and credit is due, and should be given to his oath; and affiant fully believes that he rendered the service in the War of the Revolution which he has set forth in his declaration. Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year first above mentioned.

John Burgis

NOTE: On 3 April 1851 an Eli Lewis certified that he had heard his father, Cullin Lewis, speak of Lazarus Lewis standing guard in Halifax.