

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of David Lewis R6323

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia }  
Dinwiddie County } SS

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace Mrs. Mary Lewis, a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged 87 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1828 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of David Lewis of the county and state aforesaid who was a soldier in the revolutionary war That she has often heard him say that he was in the service of the revolution. That he was drafted three times that the two first times he served tours of six months each and the third tour he serve three months as she has always heard him say and does believe. That he was in the battle at Gateses defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. also she has often heard him say that he was in the defeat or battle at Petersburg [25 Apr 1781] where he was shot in the right hand the scar of which wound he carried to his grave. That she has heard him say that he served under Capt Walker and many other officers whose names she does not now recollect. That she does not know of any one now living about her who can prove his service positively

She further declares that she was married to the said David Lewis on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December but what year she cannot say but she does know that she was 28 years old when she was married that they went to Old Parson Jesse Lee's and were married by him and that he the said Lee charged them one dollar for his services That she has no family record That her husband the aforesaid David Lewis died on the second day of January 1831 That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz at the time above stated Mary herXmark Lewis

State of Virginia } SS  
Dinwiddie County }

Be it known that on the 10th day of June 1844 personally appeared before me H H Lewis a Justice of the Peace in and for the county and state aforesaid Jesse Lewis aged 74 years of said county who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement. That David Lewis was his brother and that he was drafted in the service of the revolution and was in the company of Capt George Pegram that he went to the south and was at the battle of Gates defeat he also went in another tour and I think that he went down to Norfolk and Pourtsmouth he served under one Capt Walker on another occasion he was in the battle at Petersburg when he was shot in the hand he was also in the service at the siege of York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] that he was taken prisoner on one of his tours and kept some length of time when he was parolled, there was three others taken at the same time Ruel Lewis my brother [pension application S8826] & John & James Saunders, both of my brothers, David and Ruel served together and the same length of time as well as I can now recollect I cannot recollect the dates neither can I tell precisely the length of time that he served but as well as I can now recollect he served in all between eighteen months and two years That my brother David married one Mary Flanders of this country that I was pressent and saw them married by Parson Jesse Lee I cannot tell the precise date of the marriage but I was then about sixteen years old I think, but this much I do know that it was more than fifty years ago That my brother Ruel Lewis is a pensioner and lives in the county of Brunswick if he has not died since I heard from him

Jesse hisXmark Lewis

State of Virginia } SS:  
Dinwiddie County }

The deposition of Jesse Lewis, a resident of the State and County aforesaid, taken, in said county, on this fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

forty four, before Benjamin Johnson, a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid county.

The said Jesse Lewis being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Deposeth and saith, that he is in the seventy eighth year of his age, that he recollects perfectly well seeing his brother David Lewis starting from, and leaving his home, to go into the service of his country as a Militia Soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he so saw him starting and leaving his home for said service twice or oftener, and when he returned, said deponent heard him and others who had opportunities of knowing the facts say that he had been in the said Revolutionary war as a Soldier, that he was in the battle in Carolina at the time of General Gates's defeat, also that he was at the siege of York in Virginia, that he served two tours of duty at least in said War, one of which tours of duty he served in Captain William Walker's Company, and one other tour of duty he served in Captain George Pegram's company, that when he returned to his home from said defeat he had no other clothes on him than a shirt, that he had lost his knapsack & all his clothes except the shirt on his back (and what were worn out) in the retreat from said battle; he (this deponent) also states in like manner that the said David Lewis was wounded in one of his hands by a Musket ball in a skirmish with the British troops somewhere below Petersburg in Virginia in the time of said Revolutionary War. The said deponent also saith that he (this deponent) was well acquainted with the said Captains Pegram and Walker, and that he was often told and informed of these circumstances and facts by them the said Captains and the said David Lewis as matters of truth. He (the said deponent) in like manner further saith and deposeth, that what he has mentioned above as coming from the said David Lewis and the said Captains he (the said deponent) believes to be true. The said deponent also deposeth that the said David Lewis was a native and a resident of the aforesaid County of Dinwiddie, and that the said David Lewis was married to Mary Flanders upwards of Fifty three years ago; as to the fact of their being married as aforesaid, he (this deponent) knows for he (said deponent) went along with them to the Reverend Jesse Lee, a Baptist minister, in the said County of Dinwiddie, and saw them regularly married, and they the said David and Mary lived together respectably and creditably as husband and wife, from the time they were married until the death of the said David Lewis which occurred some ten or eleven years ago. The said deponent further saith that Mary Lewis who has made application for a pension, under act of Congress, was the widow of the said David Lewis at the time of her death, that she departed this life on or about the eleventh day of October in the present year.

Jesse hisXmark Lewis

The deposition of Miles Lewis, a resident of the County of Dinwiddie and State of Virginia, taken in said County on the twentieth day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty five - The said Miles Lewis being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he has often heard his father, David Lewis (who died about ten or eleven years ago) mention that he served as a Soldier two tours of duty, as a militia man, in the war of the Revolution, that he served said tours of of duty under Captain William Walker and a Captain Pegram & that he was in the battle in Carolina called Gates's defeat, in said war; and that he came home with no other clothes on him than a shirt, that he lost his knapsack and all his clothes, except what he had worn out in said service, in the retreat from that battle, also that he often heard him say that he was wounded in one of his hands by a musket ball in a skirmish with a party of the British Troops somewhere below Petersburg in Virginia, during the said War (the scar of which wound this deponent has very often seen); the said deponent further saith and deposeth that he has often heard his mother, Mary Lewis, widow of the said David Lewis, say, that he, (the said David Lewis) many times mentioned to her and to others in her presence, these facts. The said deponent also saith and deposeth, that the said Mary Lewis, since she executed her declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Acts of Congress, mention to and told him, that at the time of the framing of said declaration she did not know what other captain it was that her said husband served under besides Capt. Walker, but it had then (since preparing said declaration) occurred to her mind that it was a Captain Pegram whom he served under in addition to the service under Captain walker. The said deponent further deposeth and saith that his said mother departed this life on the eleventh day of October last, that she left, when she died, four children, as far as said deponent knows or believes, viz: Miles Lewis, (this deponent),

William Lewis, Dicy Hardaway (the wife of Grief Hardaway, if living,) and John B. Lewis, who are now her only living children. The said deponent further saith and deposeth that the facts and circumstances mentioned above and within he has often heard his father and mother state as true, and he, said deponent, doth verily believe them to be true. The said deponent saith that he is in the [blank] year of his age. [signed 20 Jan 1845, Miles Lewis]

NOTE: On 17 Jun 1851 Miles Lewis, 64, and John B. Lewis, 49, applied for a pension stating that they, together with Dicy Hardaway of Georgia, were the only living children of David Lewis.