

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lewis R6328

Sarah Lewis

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State of North Carolina Orange County } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1845

On this the 28th day of February 1845, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, now sitting, John Lewis a resident of said County, aged 54 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 July 7th, 1838.

This Declarant in behalf of himself and the other heirs of his deceased mother Sarah Lewis, doth on his oath make the following Declaration to wit:

1. This Declarant has reason to believe and does believe that in the war of the Revolution his Deceased father John Lewis, did as a private Soldier serve the United States a tour of three months duty in the militia, Captain Bethel's [William Bethel's] Company, and under General Caswell [Richard Caswell]. In this tour his father was in the service a period of three months and at the expiration of this tour was duly discharged by his Captain Bethel and returned home: which said discharge is hereto attached and which this Declarant believes to be a true & genuine discharge as it purports to be, and which discharge was recently found among some of his deceased father's old papers.
2. The said John Lewis Declarant as aforesaid, further setteth forth upon his said oath, that he has reason to believe and does believe that in the year before the Close of the said war of the Revolution his deceased father John Lewis aforesaid, was drafted to serve the United States a Continental draft of 12 months, and did serve [paper torn] of said period -- the Company to which said Lewis was attached was Commanded by Captain Mills [James Mills, 1st NC Regt.], and was in the said tour in the South under General Greene [Nathanael Greene]. At the expiration of said Continental draft, this declarant believes his father was duly discharged and returned home, but that his discharge from the Continental draft is lost or mislaid, so that this Declarant cannot find it. The said Declarant would further state, that his father's papers are nearly all destroyed, there having been but little or no care taken of them.

That in both of the foregoing tours this Declarant has reason to believe that the said John Lewis was in legally organized Corps and called into service by competent Authority.

The said John Lewis further declares, that he has reason to believe and does believe that his parents, the aforesaid John and Sarah Lewis were married sometime in the year 1783.

That they have no regular "family Record." This Declarant has obtained a memorandum of the births of the oldest of the Children, which said memorandum is hereto attached and is as

follows, viz.

"Eley Lewis was born October 26th 1784" and which memorandum this Declarant has reason to believe and does believe is true.

The said John Lewis further sets forth, that he has obtained the affidavit of Phamy Pearson of Rockingham County who was present and witnessed the solemnization of the rites of marriage between his parents, said affiant sets forth that said marriage was solemnized in the year 1783, that the marriage was solemnized at the residence of James Nichols in the County of Rockingham in the State aforesaid.

That his father the aforesaid John Lewis, did die in the year of 1802 leaving the aforesaid Sarah his widow, who did not afterwards marry but remained his widow until her death.

That said Sarah Lewis did die on the 18th day of November 1842.

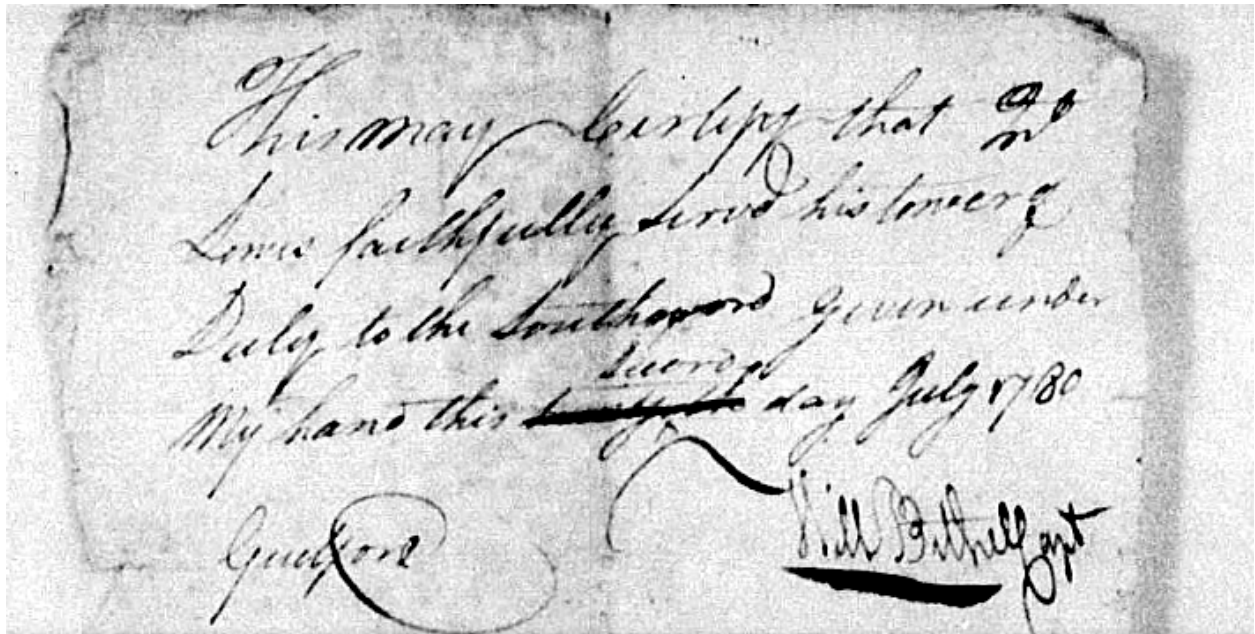
And that said Sarah Lewis left surviving her the 7 following Children to wit Olley, who intermarried with David Brinsfield, James H. Lewis, and Mary who intermarried with Jeremiah Pritchett, John Lewis, Westly¹ Lewis, Andrew Lewis and Elizabeth who intermarried with Joseph Pritchett, all of Lawful age.

That the said Sarah was not married to the aforesaid John Lewis prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first January 1794 viz. at the time above stated parenthesis 1783).

S/ John Lewis

John Lewis

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & date first above written
S/ J. Taylor, CCC

A handwritten military certificate on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "This may certify that I have faithfully served his tower of Duly to the Southward Given under My hand this ~~second~~ ^{second} day July 1780". Below the text, there are two signatures: "Guilford" on the left and "Will Bethel Capt" on the right, with a flourish underneath the latter.

This may Certify that Jno. Lewis faithfully Served his tower [tour] of Duly [duty] to the Southward Given under My hand this Second Day July 1780
Guilford S/ Will Bethel Capt.

¹ The War Department interpreted this name as "Werthy (?)"

[p 2: "Sary Lewis dide [died] November 1 [second digit illegible] 1842."

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[p 30: Affidavit dated September 20, 1843 in Rockingham County North Carolina of Phamy Pearson who testifies that he was a near neighbor to John and Sarah Lewis; that he witness Derek marriage in 1783 in the home of her father James Nichols in Rockingham County.

Phamy Pearson]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that John Lewis a private soldier in Captain Montford's [James Montford's]

Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 20th day of July 1778 for the term of 9 months and that he again enlisted on the 13th of January 1782 in Captain Mills's [James Mills'] Company in the said 10th Regiment for the term of 12 months, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 10th day of March 1845
S/ Wm Hill, Secretary

[Facts in file: Veteran married Sarah Nicholls; they were married at the home of her father, James Nicholls in Rockingham County, NC]

[This file erroneously contains the Bounty Land Warren Record Card for John Lewis, Private, Virginia line, Warrant Number 12324, for 100 acres issue December 9, 1793 to Francis Graves, assignee]