

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lilly R6343

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State of Virginia Nicholls County SS

On this 19th day of October 1833 personally appeared Before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Nicholas and State of Virginia William Lilly a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged eighty-two 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 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia in the year 1777 in the month of March declarant thinks on the first day of said month he was drafted for a tour of six months in Captain Reynolds' Company subaltern officers names not recollected Colonel Kenady [perhaps David Kennedy] commanded the Regiment of Virginia militia to which Captain Reynolds' Company was attached in which Company and Regiment of Virginia Militia declarant served his tour of duty immediately after Declarant was drafted he was marched to Winchester in the County & State aforesaid and stationed at Winchester aforesaid during his whole tour of duty – declarant was engaged during this tour in guarding the town of Winchester aforesaid and the prisoners of war which were kept at Winchester – Aforesaid declarant was then discharged by his said Captain Reynolds at Winchester aforesaid having served six months as a Private Soldier declarant then returned to his home in Frederick County Virginia where he remained until the spring of the year 1778 in the month of March declarant does not recollect the day of the month – aforesaid but to the best of his recollection and belief he thinks about the 15th day of March aforesaid in the year 1778 aforesaid In the County of Frederick and State of Virginia he volunteered his service for a term of six months and was placed under the Command of Captain Gilkison [perhaps Samuel Gilkerson] the Lieutenant's or Ensign names declarant does not recollect declarant was marched from Frederick County Virginia he thinks on the Braddock trace to Fort Pitt where Pittsburgh now stands declarant remained some time at Fort Pitt how long declarant does not recollect declarant then descended the Ohio River to Fort McIntosh at the mouth of Big Beaver declarant was engaged in defending the frontiers and guarding Fort McIntosh from the attacks of hostile Bands of Indians who were frequently [hyphenated word too faint to discern ending in "...ding"] North Western Virginia declarant was then discharged by his said Captain Gilkison at Fort McIntosh mouth of Big Beaver aforesaid having served six months as a private Soldier declarant then returned to his home in Frederick County Virginia where he remained until the year 1780 in the month of November declarant thinks about the 10th day of said month in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia Declarant again volunteered

his service for a tour of six months and was placed under the Command of Captain Handley [this might be a reference to Captain Alexander Handley of Botetourt County] – Lieutenant __ Leatherdill in a Company attached to Major __ Camels [Campbell's?] Battalion of volunteers declarant was marched by Captain Handley to Lockard's Tavern in Botetourt County Virginia the place where Major Camels Battalion rendezvoused we then marched to North Carolina passing through the Moravian towns we camped one night at Kings Mountain declarant does not recollect how long it was from the time he left Lockard's Tavern until he arrived at Kings Mountain = But declarant does recollect that it was near the Catawba River or the Yadkin River or some such name. That he joined General Morgan's Army in the afternoon on 16th day of January in the year 1781 declarant thinks the battle of the Cowpens was fought the next day declarant states this fact to the best of his recollection of that memorable event in which he states he acted the part of a brave soldier at the Battle of the Cowpens aforesaid after the battle declarant was marched to divers places the names of which he cannot recollect declarant was Engaged in many Skirmishes with the Enemy – one of which he recollects was at the mouth of Cane Creek on our march to Cane [? Cane Creek?]¹ declarant seen his Lieutenant Leatherdill among some Black Jack Bushes by moonlight declarant demanded the Countersigned Lieutenant Leatherdill had forgotten the sign declarant made his Lieutenant ground his arms declarant's Captain Handley was taken Prisoner in a skirmish with the British troops near the Yadkin River declarant never saw Captain Handley again – many important events declarant does not recollect declarant was then discharged by his said Lieutenant Leatherdill near the Virginia line. Declarant thinks in Virginia having served 6 months as a private soldier declarant has no documentary Evidence whereby he can prove his service this terminated declarant's service he then returned to his home in Frederick County Virginia 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Lilly, X his mark

To the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department the declarant answereth as follows

1. I was born in Borough Green Cambridgeshire England in the year of Christ 1751
2. My age is recorded in Cambridgeshire Church income
3. When called into service I lived in Frederick County – Virginia I have lived since the revolutionary war and Botetourt Wythe Counties Virginia and I now live in Nicholas County Virginia on Twenty mile Creek.
4. My first tour I was drafted my second and third tours I was a volunteer.
5. I knew General Daniel Morgan and Colonel Williams or Williamson General McIntosh Regular officers and Major Camel and Captain Handley of the volunteer Corps – I do not recollect the number of any Regiment whatever
6. My discharges are all lost or mislaid.
7. I am known to Joseph Backhouse, Paschal Backhouse Bernerd Hendrick Esquire, Addison McLaughlin Esquire and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

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¹ Lane

[Joseph Backhouse & Paschal Backhouse gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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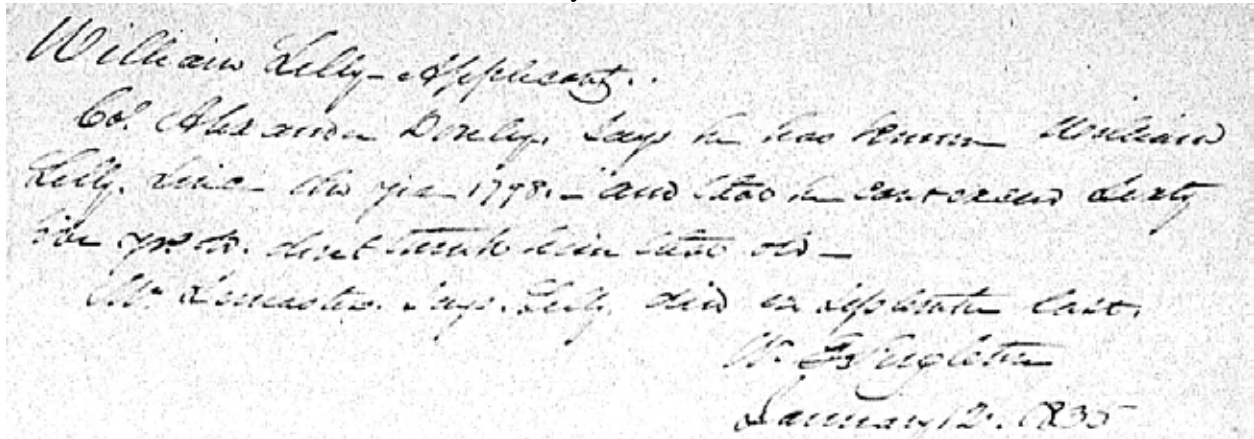
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² See Leon Harris' exposé on fraud uncovered by District Attorney W. G. Singleton in [David W. Sleeth S6111](#)