

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Godrell (Goodwill) Lively R6389                      Sarah Lively                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 28 Aug 2020.

State of Virginia } SS  
Monroe County } }

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the county Court of Monroe Godrell Lively a resident of the said County of Monroe and state of Virginia aged 70 years past of which he has no record but it has been handed down to him as his proper age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he was drafted in the county of Albemarle in Va. and marched from there in September or October 1780 under Capt Mast Leak [sic: Mark Leake] to Cabin Point [on James River in Surry County] in Virginia where it was expected [Gen. Benedict] Arnold would land but Arnold did not land as was Expected that the soldiers were then marched back to Petersburg where they were discharged having served about one month. that he then remained at Home until the month of May or June following when he was drafted again in the county of Albemarle in Virginia and marched through the lower part of Virginia and about Richmond until he served out the term for which he was drafted which he thinks was one month that he does not recollect the name of the officer under whom he served this last tour and that he received no discharge for either of the above trips that he then returned home and did not serve any more until after taking of cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] that some short time after Cornwallis was taken he enlisted at Charlottesville in the county of Albemarle in the regiment of cavalry commanded by Colo. Armong [sic: Charles Armand BLWt2291-850] for the term of three years and belonged to the company commanded by Capt Barnet and served in that company and regiment until the end of the war that the regiment remained at Charlottesville from the time he enlisted until the next spring he thinks in April and then marched to Staunton in Virginia and the Regiment remained at Staunton until the next fall in September of October & then marched to Winchester in Virginia and remained there until after christmass following and then marched to Little York in Pennsylvania where they remained the balance of the winter the next summer until some time in the next winter about Christmass but cannot be certain whether before or after when they were discharged having served in the mllitia of Virginia for a term not less that two months and in the continental line in the cavalry not less than one year and ten months for which service he claims a pension that he received a discharge for his service in the continental line which he sent to Richmond about the year 1798 or 1799 by John Hutchison then a representative from the county of Greenbrier for the purpose of Obtaining his land warrant that his land warrant was obtained & that he understood the discharge had to be left in the land office & he has never seen it since that his land warrant was afterwards given to him by the said Hutchison but it appears that it was delivered at the Land Office to Jno Gray who was a representative from the county of Monroe in the year 1800 that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service at this time & he has no documentary testimony by which he can prove his service he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Godrell hisXmark Lively

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111).]

Goodrell or Cotrell Lively – 2 yrs Va. line Capt Barnett Col. Among

I the undersigned Cotrell lively give the following redeclaration of my Revo services as a soldier to Wit – I have no register of my age, but from information received from my parents I shall be either 72 or 73 yrs old the the 16<sup>th</sup> May next. am a native of Albemarl county & lived in that county during the war of the

Revolution. – the fall after I was 16 yrs old (I cant tell in what year) I was drafted marched from Albemarl under Capt Leak to Cabbin Point & Petersburg was discharged at the latter place after being in service for some four or six weeks. – after Cornwallis & his army came into Virginia I was ordered out again & served from 4 to 6 weeks at Richmond and below there. Cant recollect the names of my Captain in this time.

After Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown either in Jany or February – I Enlisted at Charlottesville in a troop of cavalry for 3 years – was attached to Capt Shafners [sic: George Shaffner's] company. Col Arnongs legion – Shaffner was promoted to a Majority & when Capt Banett succeeded him took command at Staunton in the Spring of 1782. in the fall of 1783 the core or legion (3 companies of Calvery & 3 of Infantry) under Col. Armong was marched to Winchester where we remained until about Christmas and was then marched to Frederick town Md. Stopped at the latter place for 3 or 4 days and the marched to Little York Pensylvania. at the latter place we wintered & remained until the succeeding fall & was then discharged. I got a written discharge which I sent to Richmond for the purpose of procureing a land warrant. I presume it is still there. In witness of all which I subscribe my name September 5, 1835.

Witness J. W. Kelley

Cotrel hisXmark Lively

a copy W G Singleton October 11, 1835

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

THIS is to certify that Godrill Lively a private Dragoon in the First Partisan Legion, under my Command, has served faithfully & bravely to this Day, is hereby discharged from the Service of the United States, in Pursuance of Orders received from the Commander in Chief, bearing Date the third instant.

I farther certify that Godrill Lively a private Dragoon having been inlisted in the State of Virginia is intituled by the Resolution of Congress, of the 13th Febraury, 1779, to the Benefits that have been, or hereafter shall be granted by the said State to the Noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers of the said Line.

Given under my Hand and Seal at York Town, this fourth[?] Day of November, 1783.

C Armand M de la Rouerie Brigadier General.

[Charles Armand, Marquis de la Rouerie]

Entered in the Books of the Legion.

Attest.

Godfried Swartz

Adjutant of the Legion.



Entered in the Books of the Legion.



Attest.  
Godfried Swartz  
Adjutant of the Legion.

#### NOTES:

On 19 April 1847 Wilson Lively, executor of Sarah Lively and on behalf of himself and other heirs, applied for a pension for the service of his father, Goodwill Lively, who died on 3 Dec 1838 and was survived by Sarah Lively until 3 Sep 1839. He listed the children of Goodwill and Sarah Lively as Jane Lively, Joseph Lively, Judith Lively, William Lively, Cottrel Lively, James Lively, Thomas Lively, Hemphill Lively, Madison Lively, Mary Lively, Sarah Lively, Wilson Lively, and Lorenzo Lively. In the file is a copy of the marriage record from Greenbrier County as follows: "October 24th 1790. Lively Cothel [sic] to Sally Maddy," by Rev'd. John Alderson." With his application is a family record transcribed as follows:

Sarah Lively was born 16<sup>th</sup> of october 1773

Jane Lively September 10<sup>th</sup> the year 1791

Joseph Lively may 1<sup>th</sup> the year 1793

William Lively march 19<sup>th</sup> the year 1795

Judith Lively march 16<sup>th</sup> the year 1797

Cottrel Lively February 25<sup>th</sup> the year 1799  
James Lively december 20<sup>th</sup> the year 1802  
Thomas Lively January 20<sup>th</sup> of the year 1805  
Hemphill Lively January 21<sup>th</sup> the year 1807  
Madison Lively January 5<sup>th</sup> the year 1809  
Mary Lively January 13<sup>th</sup> the year 1811  
Sarah Lively april 16<sup>th</sup> the year 1813  
Wilson Lively April 12<sup>th</sup> the year 1815  
Lorenzo Lively April 11<sup>th</sup> the year 1818  
James Ellison November the 17<sup>th</sup> 1825[?]

On 21 June 1847 Wilson Lively and Thomas Biggs listed the living children as Jane Pack, Joseph Lively, William Lively, Judith McGhee, John Lively, Thomas Lively, Sally Smith, and Wilson Lively. They stated that from tombstones it appeared that Sarah Lively died 12 Sep 1839, and Goodwill Lively died 3 Dec 1838. A Treasury-Department document gives the date of his death as 2 Dec 1838.