

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Lodge R6407

Martha

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State of North Carolina County of Edgecombe: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for said County, May term 1852

On this the 27th day of May A.D. 1852 personally appeared in open Court (which is a Court of record) now sitting for the County of Edgecombe, Mrs. Martha Lodge a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, and such other Acts of Congress subsequently passed for the benefit of the Widows of Revolutionary Soldiers:

That she was eighty-four years of age on the 14th of April last -- that she was born in the County of Duplin North Carolina & was brought to this County when a child where she has resided all her life -- that her maiden name was Martha Sassnatt -- that sometime in the month of November 1782 she was married to one Lewis Lodge in the Town of Tarboro North Carolina the marriage ceremony having been performed by one Robert Bignall a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Edgecombe aforesaid, she being fifteen years of age only at the time of said marriage -- that she has no family record of her marriage -- that her husband the said Lewis Lodge died in the County aforesaid on the 12th day of October 1829, age sixty-nine years at the time of his death, and that she has not married again --

She further swears that her husband the said Lewis Lodge was reputed to have been a private soldier in the War of the Revolution. She has frequently heard him speak of his service in said War but she does not remember the names of the officers by whom his company & Regiment were commanded. She remembers having 2 had heard him speak of being at Enfield in the adjoining County of Halifax, and at Charlotte or Charlotte-Town in the Western part of this State, engaged in the service of the United States as a private soldier -- She states furthermore on oath that her husband was born and raised in the same neighborhood in which her father settled, when he came from Duplin County -- that the said Lewis Lodge left the neighborhood during the Revolution and was absent for a considerable length of time and although quiet young at the time she remembers distinctly that it was generally known and understood in the neighborhood that he was engaged in the Service, and she solemnly avers that she has never heard a contrary opinion expressed by anyone. She further swears that she knows no person by whom she can prove her marriage or her said husband's service in the War aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, the day, year & month aforesaid.

S/ Martha Lodge, X her mark

Witness

S/ Jno. Norfleet, Clerk

[fn p. 6: On May 27, 1852 in Edgecombe County, William Peel [William Peele?], 52, testified that he has lived in Edgecombe County about 40 years; that his father settled within 4 miles of James and Martha Lodge; that James and Martha lived together as man and wife and were so regarded by their neighbors; that they had many children; that one of the children was a son named Joshua who died 4 years since who the witness says he did not know how old he was at the time of his death but thinks he was at the least 60 years old; that Joshua was their oldest child.]

[fn p. 14]

State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Lewis Lodge

Book ZZ, page 2 "Private pay from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1777 to 1<sup>st</sup> February 1778 the sum of £26S14D10" specie

In testimony whereof I have hereunto described my name and affixed my seal of office this 26th day of May A.D. 1852.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.