

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Spencer Lewis R9978

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Accomack County State of Virginia

On this the 19 day of April 1853 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Spencer Lewis, who being too old and infirm to appear in open Court, who is about ninety years of age to the best of his knowledge and belief (but has no record of his age) he knows there was but little difference between himself and his brother Thomas Lewis,¹ who has received a pension for his revolutionary Services the said Spencer Lewis being first duly sworn maketh the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. He says during the revolutionary war in the year 1778 he entered the service of the Virginia militia a soldier in the County of Accomack and continued in the service to the end of the war, under the following named officers, first under the command of Captain William Drummond & Colonel Thomas Snead and others but from the long lapse of time and consequent loss of memory has forgotten some of his officers, and his services, but recollects he served a Say [?] portion of three or four years, at a place called "Willetts Hill" under the command of Captain John Custis, and at other times under the command of William Drummond at a place called "Pies Field" and at other, and different places, under other captains of the militia in the said County but cannot at this late time in the very "winter" of his age and poverty give his services in detail, as the militia of Accomack were all the time subject to repeated calls on guard and alarms, throughout the War and deposes to the best of his knowledge and belief he served in said war over two years, but knows of no one at this late day to prove his services as his brother and all those who served with him are dead, he was also well acquainted in the war with Colonel John Cropper, Colonel Southey Simpson, Colonel Levin Joyns [Levin Joynes or Jones?], Colonel Parker & Colonel Snead of Accomack and he is now acquainted with the Honorable Henry Aloise [?], Judge Baylor, the Reverend George H. Ewell, Littleton A. Harriman Esquire and all the prominent men of the County who can testify to his credibility up to recently he has been able to support himself but affliction & misfortune have caused him to claim a pension for his services which he thinks his country will not withhold longer from him he would have applied earlier, but his brother's pensions which was for similar services not paid until recently.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any state. He moreover states he is very well acquainted with Curtis Bull,² Robert Chase,³ Horsy Summers [Horsy

¹ Probably the same man as Thomas Lewis FPA W10263 whose application will be posted in this database soon (note made 10/2/13)

² [Custis \(Curtis\) Bull S18338](#)

Summers]⁴, Richard Sumers [Richard Summers]⁵ and the rest of the militia soldiers in said war.
Given under my hand this 17 day of April 1853

S/ Spencer Lewis, X his mark

[George H Ewell, a clergyman, and John Parks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Accomack County State of Virginia: SS

Henry Marshel [Henry Marshall?] of the County of Accomack aged 82 years of age being first duly sworn Deposeeth and saith that he is the son of Sampson Marshel [Sampson Marshall?] who was one of the Militia of Accomack County in the Revolutionary War (but died before the pension act took place) That he has frequently heard his Father and Samuel Marshel who was a Revolutionary pensioner and Absalom Lewis of said County frequently say that Spencer Lewis was one of the Accomack militia and served on duty with them in the Revolutionary War and also many others. He further states that although a boy he recollects the war, and the time his father was on guard Distinctly, recollects of seeing the shipping and the Barges near where he then resided, he further states that he has always regarded and so has the County generally Spencer Lewis as a Revolutionary Soldier his brother Thomas Lewis who served with him has drawn his pension and that the said Spencer and his brother Tom were nearly the same age and served together as he has always understood and verily believes.

Given under my hand this 19 April 1853

S/ Henry Marshel, X his mark

Accomack County State of Virginia

The deposition of Robert Chase a Revolutionary Pensioner being first duly sworn deposeeth and saith that during the War of the revolution although he and Spencer Lewis lived in the same County they did not serve on duty together, but he always understood, and believes, that the said Spencer Lewis, was one of the Accomack militia in the Revolutionary War and kept guard and done about the same duty as myself and the rest of the militia of Accomack County. His brother Thomas Lewis who served with him has recently received his pension and I have no doubt this 3rd Spencer Lewis is equally entitled.

S/ Robert Chase, X his mark

[Acknowledge in Accomack County April 19, 1853]

³ [Robert Chase W6910](#)

⁴ FPA S7664

⁵ FPA S7663