

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lewis S10249

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State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1835 personally appeared before me William Walden one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid John Lewis a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 74 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, & served as herein stated.

That in the year 1777 perhaps in the month of August he was drafted in the militia service for three months in the revolutionary war, but served four months. That he was then a resident of the County of Mecklenburg in this State. That he was in a Company commanded by Captain Burton [perhaps John Burton], which company was commanded by Colonel Machlin. That when he started to joined the Army he left Mecklenburg Court house & marched to Norfolk & there joined the Army at that place, thence to the Bay Shore & was marched back to Norfolk & was then discharged sometime late in December in the same year. That in the year 1781 perhaps the latter part of the summer he was again drafted in the militia for three months & again started from Mecklenburg Court house & marched & joined the Army in Gloucester County, not far from little York & was at the siege of little York & taking of Lord Corn Wallace [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781] –

That after the British surrendered he was detached to Guard some Tories to Richmond & in about 25 miles of Richmond, his term of service for three months having expired, he was discharged = His Captain was Graves, his Colonel was Burwell.


He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. The Affidavits of Lewis Lindsay & John W Felts<sup>1</sup> will prove his service – Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Lewis

[Joseph C Brame and Fountain Griffin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> 

State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

Lewis Lindsay<sup>2</sup> a very Respectable person this day made Oath before me, that in the year 1777 as well as he remembers, himself & John Lewis, then of the County of Mecklenburg in this State was in the Militia service & served, he believes, fully four months that said John Lewis was commanded by Captain Burton which Company was commanded by Colonel Macklin. That in the year 1781 himself & the said John Lewis was again drafted in the militia service & served three months & was at the siege of Little York & surrender of Lord Cornwallis, that he was commanded by Captain Graves who was commanded by Colonel Lewis Burwell.

Given under my hand & seal this 19<sup>th</sup> of August 1835

S/ Wm Faulkner, JP

John W Fills<sup>3</sup> also made oath before me that the above Affidavit of Lindsey contains the truth as he was in the Revolutionary war with them both almost the whole time of their service.

S/ Wm Faulkner, 20<sup>th</sup> August 1835

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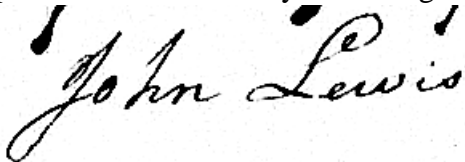
State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

Lewis Lindsey a very respectable person this day made oath before me, that in the year 1777 as well as he remembers himself & John Lewis, then of the County of Mecklenburg in this state was in the militia service and served he believes fully four months, that the said John Lewis was commanded by Captain Burton, which Company was commanded by Colonel Mecklin that in the year 1781 himself & the said John Lewis was again drafted in the militia service and served three months, and was at the siege of little York & surrender of Lord Cornwallis, that he was commanded by Captain Graves who was commanded by Colonel Lewis Burwell.

S/ Lewis Lindsey



[p 19: Power of attorney dated August 19, 1835 executed by John Lewis



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State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

Lewis Lindsey a Respectable Person this day came before me and made oath that John Lewis and himself then of the County of Mecklenburg in this state, in the Early part of the year 1777 were drafted in the militia service and served three months in a Company commanded by Captain Burton, which Company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Macklin –

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S8862

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that after they had returned home that sometime in the summer of the year 1781 they both were again drafted in the militia and served three months more in a Company commanded by Captain Graves which Company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Burwell that they were at the siege of York and surrender of Cornwallis that after the siege they guarded the Tories near Richmond and there Term of service having expired were there discharged and further that sometime in the course of the last summer he stated in his affidavit, that John Lewis and himself in the first or 2<sup>nd</sup> tour above mentioned served four months in the militia, this was a mistake; they were 4 months from the time they left until they returned home.

S/ Lewis Lindsey

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]