

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Lindsey S10992

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Alabama Marion County:

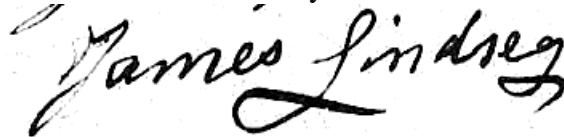
On this 25th day of September 1834 -- personally appeared before me Denile U. Hollis an acting Justice of the peace for said County James Lindsey a resident of the said County aged about 69 years who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Orange County North Carolina sometime in February 1781 under the command of Captain Thompson [Thomas Thompson] who was commanded by Colonel Thomas Taylor and marched from Orange County to Guilford Court House and was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]¹ and after the battle we were rendezvoused at Troublesome Iron works and from thence we were marched in pursuit of the British to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River and from thence to Raleigh and was marched as a guard over some British and Tory prisoners to Hillsboro at which place we remained until we were dismissed by our Captain which was sometime in May 1781, making a tour of duty of full three months. Again about the first of June 1781 I entered the service in Orange County North Carolina as a substitute for __ Guinn who was drafted in said County, under the command of Edward Guinn [Edward Gwinn] as Captain the Colonel's name not recollected [probably John Paisley or Peasley] and was stationed as a guard over the prisoners at Hillsboro when we were not on scouting parties until sometime in September thereafter at which time we were dismissed making a tour of full three months or more. Again sometime in October 1781 in Orange County North Carolina I enlisted under the command of Captain Elijah Moore who was commanded by Adjutant __ Ivy in Colonel Sumpter, General Lytle [Archibald Lytle] and General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commander in chief and was marched from Hillsboro to Salisbury thence to Ashley Hill and there joined the Maryland and Pennsylvania line of Regulars and from thence to James Island and was there stationed until sometime in the latter part of the year 1782 at which time I was furloughed and ordered to be kept in readiness when called but was not called into service again a short time before I received my furlough I was appointed a corporal and was furloughed as such from under the command of Captain Joseph T. Rhodes who was our Captain at that time and was in actual service from the time of my enlistment until I was furloughed eleven months and eight days which added to my other two tours will make upwards of seventeen months actual service and for such services I claim a pension my furlough I lost about

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

the year 1789 or 90 on Clinch River in Tennessee where a company of us was defeated by the Cherokee Indians. I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services and that there is no clergyman living in my vicinity or near enough whom I can get to certify to my declaration therefore for my credibility I refer to the annexed certificate of Thomas Cusack & Berryman Hollis; He 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 in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Lindsey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Lindsey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James Lindsey".

Attest: Denill U. Hollis, JP

A. 1st I was born in the State of Pennsylvania about the year 1765.

A. 2nd. I have no record of my age but am certain I was about 16 years of age when I first entered the service

A. 3. Each time I went into service I was living in Orange County North Carolina since that time I have lived in Tennessee and now in Alabama.

A. 4th. The first time I went into service I volunteered, the 2nd I substituted and the last I enlisted

A. 5. Colonel Taylor Colonel Sumter General Lytle, General Greene etc.

A. 6. I never received a discharge for either term of service the 2 first tours I was dismissed and the last time I was furloughed my furlough I lost on Clinch River in Tennessee about the year 1789 or 1790.

[Thomas Cusack and Berryman Hollis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Marion County:

Before me Leroy Kennedy an acting Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared James Lindsey who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith, That it the time he entered the service as a volunteer in Orange County North Carolina as well as recollected it was in February 1781 under the command of Captain Thompson and Colonel Taylor he was marched from Orange County to Guilford C. House and was in the Battle at said place and after the battle they rendezvoused at Troublesome Iron Works and marched to Ramsey's Mills from which place he was marched to Raleigh from thence as a guard over some British and Tory prisoners to Hillsboro and was there stationed as a guard until in May and was then dismissed by his Captain after being in service for three months; he then returned home and after being there a few days he went to Ramsey's Mills and entered himself as a substitute for ___ Guin who had been drafted in Orange County North Carolina only a few days previous to his taking his place under the command of Captain Edward Guin, the Colonel's name not recollected and was marched from said place to Hillsboro and there remained as a guard when he was not on scouting parties which was not at any time only a few miles from said place until he was dismissed which was in the early part of the fall 1781 after being in service for three months from the time he substituted he then returned home where he remained a very short time when he went to his the company muster ground and there enlisted under the command of Captain Elijah Moore, who was commanded by Adjutant Ivy, Colonel Sumpter, General Lytle, & General Green, and joined the Regiment at Hillsboro and was marched from said place to Salisbury, from thence to Ashley

Hills and there joined the Maryland and Pennsylvania line of Regulars from thence we were marched to James Island and was there stationed until the latter part of the year 1782, and at which time he received a furlough after being in service at that time eleven months and eight days and about two days before he was furloughed he was appointed corporal in the place of ___ Dobbins who had died and was furloughed as such and was not called into service anymore I may be mistaken as to the rank of Lytle but it was always my opinion he was General. My reasons for not claiming a pension under the act of March 18 1818 are the East when the act was passed he was living in the State of Tennessee and was able although in reduced circumstances to support his family by his labor and the help of his children until bodily infirmity and old age deprived him of his ability he did not feel willing to ask his Country for any assistance until in the year 1831 at which time his situation being almost helpless he concluded he would apply and in March 1831 he contracted with Mr. Harley Tuttle to apply for him and filed his declaration agreeable to said act it was sent for examination and returned with directions that I had neglected to state the amount of property in 1818, my statement was then filed and Mr. Tuttle informed me that he had sent the papers to the care of S. W. Mardis² the member from our district in Congress since that time I have never heard the result. I then concluded never to apply again, until in 1834 I agreed with Daniel Peyton Esquire to apply for me under the act of March 7th 1832 [sic] his having promised to attend to the same faithfully until he should be obtained, those all the facts as well as recollected and my reasons for not applying sooner. Sworn to and subscribed this 25 day of July 1835

Before me S/ Leroy Kennedy, JP

S/ James Lindsey

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State of North Carolina

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that James Linsey [sic] a Corporal in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment³ entered the service in 1782 for 18 months, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 12th March 1835

S/ Wm Hill

It appears Mr. Lindsey is mistaken, or is incorrect in some of his statements, Lytle was a Colonel but never a General. Sumpter I believe was a General,⁴ Curtis Ivey was an Ensign and promoted

² MARDIS, Samuel Wright, a Representative from Alabama; born in Fayetteville, Tenn., June 12, 1800; received an academic training; attended an "old field" school; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Montevallo, Ala., in 1823; member of the State house of representatives 1823-1825, 1828, and 1830; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Congresses (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1835); moved to Mardisville, Talladega County, Ala., in 1835 and continued the practice of his profession until his death in Talladega, Talladega County, Ala., November 14, 1836; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=M000128>

³ J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 1st NC Regiment. See,

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_corporals.html and search for "Lindsey, James."

⁴ Thomas Sumter was a Lt. Col. in the SC Continental Line who resigned his commission in 1779 and retired to his plantation in SC. After the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780, he was 'elected' a general to command the SC refugee militia. He was formally commissioned a General in the SC militia in October 1780 by Gov. John Rutledge.

to Lieutenant.

S/ Wm Hill, Secry of State

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State of North Carolina

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that James Linsey [sic] a Corporal in Captain Brevard's [Alexander Brevard's] Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in the year 1782 for the term of eighteen months and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 18th day of November 1835

S/ Wm Hill

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State of Alabama Marion County

On this the 17th day of October, 1848, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County, James Lindsey a resident of said County, aged 84 years (a pensioner of the United States for military services rendered the United States in the militia in the war of the Revolution) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision (full Continental service) passed June 7, 1832 --

This declarant states that to the best of his knowledge and belief, it was in the year 1782, that he enlisted for the period of eighteen months in the Town of Hillsboro, Orange County NC.

That he enlisted under one Captain Moore of Caswell County, state aforesaid.

That Lytle was his Colonel. Ivy Adjutant.

That part of his service was under Captain Rhodes and part under Captain Brevard.

That his company was marched from Hillsboro aforesaid to Salisbury, then a place of rendezvous, --Thence we were marched to Greene's Army -- Thence to the City of Charleston, then in possession of the British under General Leslie. After the enemy evacuated Charleston -- we were quartered on James Island; till we heard of the proclamation of peace. To the best of recollection I was in actual service eleven months and eight days, when we were discharged on Furlough, with the understanding that should our services we again needed, we were upon notice to join the Army, whenever called on.

That when he entered the service first, it was in the militia, that it was in the year of 1781, this declarant was then in his 17th year, joined the militia -- was in Captain Thompson's Company, -- was in the battle at Guilford CH and was in other militia service for which this declarant draws a pension.

In the Continental service, amongst other officers, was Captain Rhodes, Captain Brevard, From this last he received his furlough, Colonel Lytle, General Greene and others were the officers under whom he served.

That he received a furlough from Captain Brevard -- That he deposited his furlough at Raleigh in see the seat of Government of that State.

The declarant further states that from old age and bodily infirmity, he is unable to attend Court to make this Declaration.

Sumter often sought refuge in NC during the time SC was in the possession of the British.

And further, that he knows of no person now living, that served in the Army with him.
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written, before me.

S/ John W. Moore, JP

S/ James Lindsey

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State of Alabama Marion County: SS

On this the 17th day of October 1848, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County, James Lindsey a resident of said County, aged 84 years (a pensioner of the United States for military Services rendered the United States in the militia, in the war of the Revolution)

Who being first duly Sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision (for Continental Service) passed June 7th 1832 –

This deponent states that to the best of his knowledge and belief, it was in the year 1782, that he enlisted for the period of Eighteen months in the Town of Hillsboro, Orange County, N. C.

That he enlisted under one Captain Moore of Caswell County, State aforesaid –

That Lytle was his Colonel. Ivy Adjutant –

That part of his Service was under Captain Rhodes and part under Captain Brevard.

That his Company was marched from Hillsboro aforesaid to Salisbury, then a place of rendezvous, – Thence we were marched to Greene's Army – thence to the City of Charleston, then in the possession of the British under General Leslie – After the enemy evacuated Charleston [December, 1782], we were quartered on James Island; till we heard of the proclamation of peace. To the best of recollection I was in Actual Service Eleven months and Eight days, when we were discharged on Furlough, with the understanding that should our Services be again needed, we were upon Notice to re-Join the Army, whenever called on.

That when he entered the united Service first, it was in the militia, That it was in the year of 1781, this declarant was then in his 17th year, Joined the militia, – was in Captain Thompson's Company, – was in the battle of Guilford C. H. and was in other militia Service for which this declarant draws a pension.

In the Continental Service, amongst other officers, was Captain Rhodes, Captain Brevard, From this last he received his furlough: Colonel Lytle, General Greene and others word the officers under whom he served.

That he received a "Furlough" from Captain Brevard – he deposited his "Furlough" at Raleigh N. C. the seat of Government of that State.

That declarant further states that from old age and bodily infirmity, he is unable to attend Court to make this Declaration.

And further, that he knows of no person now living, that served in the Army with him.
Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year 1st above written before me

S/ John W Moore, JP

S/ James Lindsey

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Lindsey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a small, dark, circular mark or smudge below the signature.

[p 62: On November 30, 1848 in Orange County North Carolina, Samuel Madden (age not stated) gave testimony that he was a small lad at the close of the American Revolution; that he was well acquainted with James Lindsey now of Marion County Alabama; that affiant remembers James Lindsey returning home at the close of the Revolutionary war in company with one of the affiant's uncles (not named) and that he, the affiant, always understood that they were soldiers in the revolution in the United States service; and that he always understood that James Lindsey was in the battle at Guilford Courthouse.



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State of North Carolina,
Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that James Lindsey a Corporal in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the ___ day of __, 1782 for the term of eighteen months. It also appears from a book of Settlements in this Office, that he was allowed on final settlement, the sum of \$84.30.

Given under my hand this 30th day of November, 1848

Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[p 60, John Lindsey Woods, 53, a 'distant relative' of the veteran, gave testimony on March 1, 1849, in Orange County, NC in support of the veteran's claim of service in the Continental Army. His relationship to the veteran is not stated.



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Treasury Department, Third Auditor's Office
The United States

To Susanna Lindsay [sic], widow
of James Lindsay, deceased,
a pensioner of the Mobile (Alabama) agency
per act 7 June 1832 Dr.

For his pension from 4 Sept., 1847,
to 13 April, 1849 at \$20 00/100 per Ann: \$32.22/100
Stated, Feb. 11, 1852, by W. T. R. Saffell

[Stamped: "Final Payment Voucher Received from GAO"]

[p 6: On September 28, 1849, in Marion County Alabama Susannah Lindsey made oath that she is the widow of James Lindsey, a pensioner of the United States; that he is dead and that she herewith surrenders his certificate of pension; and that the deceased pensioner resided in Marion County Alabama for the space of 29 years before his death and prior thereto lived in the state of North Carolina. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 7: Finding by the Clerk of court of Marion County Alabama on October 3, 1849, that James Lindsey died in Marion County April 13, 1849.]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum subsequently increased to \$62.15 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the revolution in the North Carolina militia and as a corporal in the North Carolina Continental line.]