

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Lefever (Lefevre) (Lefaver) S13726

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State of Alabama Mobile County: SS

On the twenty sixth day of April in the year of our Lord 1841, personally appeared in open Court, that is to say the Circuit Court of said Mobile County, having a clerk & seal, Isaac Lefevre a resident of Mobile County and State of Alabama aforesaid aged seventy-eight years or thereabout who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: He was a volunteer in Captain James Fairs [James Farr's] Company in Anson County in the State of North Carolina about the year 1778. Said Company belonged to Colonel Wade's [Thomas Wade's] command. Major Jones was one of the field officers, and deponent was elected and served a short time as Lieutenant in Fair's Company. That Fair's Company was detailed for one expedition against a party of Tories who had committed depredations at widow Tompkins' house & plantation -- that said Company pursued and came up with them at Pedee [River]. The Tories broke and ran upon the first fire leaving the notorious Tories Captain Hickman and John Dinkins dead on the field. The former of whom was shot by this deponent. Was a substitute in Captain Glen's [Duke Glenn] Company to go to Beatti's [Beatti's] bridge² on Drowning Creek to drive away a party of British & Tories. The detachment was under Colonel Wade and amounted to about 400 men. Colonel Childs [Lt. Col. Thomas Childs] had a command -- so had Major Jones [John Jones]; they marched from Hale's ferry about 55 miles to the Bridge; in ten days they had a fight in which Wade was defeated with a loss of 84 killed & prisoners.

For the first two years the men of North & South Carolina were indiscriminately mixed in the different Companies about the line, and deponent although a resident of South Carolina had served he thinks in North Carolina Companies. He thinks it was under an order from General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] then about this time all men who belonged to the South Carolina were ordered under General Marion [Francis Marion] and those of North Carolina were ordered under Pickens [Andrew Pickens], Sumter [sic, Thomas Sumter] & perhaps Morgan [Daniel Morgan]. At this time deponent fell into the Company of Captain Ellerby [Thomas Ellerbee] and

¹ A tip of the hat to Charles Baxley for helping to identify some of the officers and other names mentioned by this veteran. It is that sort of information that helps make this database much more useful than it would be otherwise.

² August 4, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattisbr.htm>


was marched to Wamba [Wambaw] back of Georgetown on the Charleston road George Strother³ was a Captain Ellerbee's Lieutenant and generally had command. At this place there were from 500 to 700 troops, but Marion went to the Assembly and one Baxter [Jacob or John Baxter] then had command. Sometime after he entered the service he was a resident of Cheraw South Carolina at the plantation of Colordes Perge [Claudius Pegues] for whom his father was overseer -- deponent was also in service under Colonel Culp [Able Kolb] and Tompkins Company three miles above the line in Anson County, was altogether in the service three years and six months: The last service he performed was in this said command of Culp. They fought with a party of Tories in Anson County and killed 18.⁴

The deponent is a very old man, yet until within a very short time he has been enabled to procure a living by hard work -- that he never intended making application for a pension while he could earn a living -- but that he his bodily strength has failed and he now makes his application with great reluctance. That he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no one living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He was very young when in the service as aforesaid & has outlived his contemporaries -- nor while any of them lived did he believe that he ever could be induced to as to his Country for the means of subsistence. 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 of any State.

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

S/ M. J. McRae, Clk

S/ Isaac Lefever

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isaac Lefever". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "I".

[Jesse Scrivener, a clergyman, and William Hamilton and John Morgan Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Answers to Interrogatories

To the first as to when & in what year he was born

He answers that he was born in Sussex County New Jersey & came when 8 years old to North Carolina near the South Carolina line -- his father afterwards moved into South Carolina. He was born in the year 1762.

To the second whether he has a record of his age

He answers that he has no record of his age -- it was in a Bible which he lost in the Oconee River when he was near 50 years old.

To the third as to where living etc.

He answers that when first called into service he was living in Anson County North Carolina -- that during the time he did serve his father removed to South Carolina & he claimed then to hail from that State. He then after the war he removed to Burke County afterwards Jefferson County in Georgia -- afterwards when deponent was about 24 years old he removed to Edgefield District

³ [George Strother W9317](#)

⁴ The veteran is probably making reference to the engagement on September 9, 1780 as described by JD Lewis at http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_anson_county.html

South Carolina -- afterwards to Abbeville district afterwards to Pendleton district -- then went to Florida when he was a little short of 60 years old, say 23 years ago -- and in a short time thereafter say 22 years ago he came to Alabama and has resided alternately in Mobile & Washington Counties (they adjoining) ever since -- now living in Mobile County.

To the fourth as to how he was called into service etc.

He answers that at first he was drafted -- secondly volunteered & was with the detachment that defeated the British & Tories -- was a private with the appointment of Sergeant always except in the volunteer Company in which he was chosen Lieutenant -- was a substitute a very short time for one Francis Parsons in one Glen's Company.

To the fifth --

He answers that Jones was a Major in the Continental service who was sometimes with the troops -- General Marion Colonel Ore [probably Daniel Horry] -- Captain Mayum [probably Hezekiah Maham] but for the Regiments and general circumstances of his service he respectfully refers to his declaration where everything he can recollect at his advanced age is particularly set forth as the infirmity of mind from old age will permit.

To the sixth

He answers that he never received a discharge, nor did he ever received a commission.

To the seventh

He answers -- that he is known to William Hamilton, John Morgan Brown -- Reverend Mr. Scrivener and to almost every man of note or long-standing in Mobile County any and all of whom as he verily believes would testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier.

S/ Isaac Lefaver [sic]

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State of Alabama Mobile County: Circuit Court fall term 1841

Personally appeared in open Court Benjamin Alexander⁵ who made solemn oath that he is largely upwards of eighty years of age -- that he is now in the receipt of a pension from the United States Government for services performed in South Carolina during the war of the Revolution -- that he knew Isaac Lefeore [sic](who has made application for a Pension) during a great part of the said War, and this deponent knows full well that the said Isaac Lefever did perform military services as a militia man in South Carolina and occasionally in North Carolina (his father being then a resident near the line that separated the two states) during said War. This deponent knew him well -- that is to say Isaac and from the best of his recollection thinks he served for more than twelve months -- to wit -- under Major Thomas in Captain Fair's Company for about four months, and under Colonel Wade in the expedition to Baty's bridge for about two months -- then for about four months under Fair, before he joined Marion and then for a long time under Marion at Wambaw on the River Santee. This deponent is old and his memory is much impaired -- but he recollects the military services of Isaac Lefever well and that he was as before stated at least twelve months in the service in South Carolina and much longer in the service in North Carolina.

That when said Lefever made his application for a pension (as this deponent believes) the said deponent was in the State of Mississippi so that his testimony could not be forwarded. That said Isaac Lefever is an honest respectable man and until recently he always been in good pecuniary circumstances -- much above an application for a pension -- but lately he has been

⁵ [Benjamin Alexander S10320](#)

overtaken by misfortune and now in his old age has nothing to subsist on.

S/ Benjamin Alexander, X his mark

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State of Alabama Mobile County

Personally appeared before me, Charles H. Henry, Isaac Lefaber [sic] a citizen of Mobile County aged about 76 years born in Morris County State of New Jersey who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist states that his father removed to North Carolina Anson County when he was about 8 years old thinks he was about 12 or 13 years old when he first seen the recruiting officer come among the people that when he was almost 15 years old he was drafted in the Militia of North Carolina rendezvoused at Salisbury Captain Richard Pharr was the commanding officer he was drafted under but he was transferred to another officer whose name he does not recollect -- he remained only 3 weeks when we were all discharged. After this discharge he joined a company under Captain James Pharr [James Farr] & was elected a Lieutenant he continued skirmishing with the Tories until General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] came on & took the command of all; he then made new arrangements & ordered all of us below to join General Marion below Georgetown on the Santee & Wambaugh [Wambaw] when he joined the General Marion he went into Captain Elsby's [sic, Thomas Ellerbee] Company and was elected a Sergeant & remained there about three months, We never made any long marches except up the River to Leneud & Nelsons ferry. We were encamped in the fork of Wambaw & Santee on the road from Charston [sic, Charleston] heading up the country. Here we were surprised by the British while General Marion was absent at Britts plantation where the assembly was then sitting. I commanded a guard & had charge of the prisoners. The Army was commanded by Colonel McDaniel [?] an old man. I was then on a Bluff at widow [illegible]⁶ plantation on Santee & took a flat & crossed the River with the prisoners under charge. I then proceeded on to Leneud's ferry where overtook General Marion where the Main part of his Army had collected. We then crossed the River to the side we had left after I was discharged from General Marion's Army I never went into the service again, the principal battle I had was at my father's plantation where [illegible word, probably "Sneedsborough"⁷] was afterwards built. We had a fight Colonel Culp commanded us & my Captain was Stephen Tomkins we had no Enrollment the company being made up for the occasion, Colonel Culp was afterwards shot in his own yard after he had surrendered to the Tories, in this battle we killed 18 Tories & lost 2 of our men he was not wounded in any of the engagements he was then.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 26 April 18[illegible, could "1838"]

S/ Charles Henry

S/ Isaac Lefaver

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for six months service.]



⁶ Oree? (a/k/a Horry)?

⁷ If indeed the word is Sneedsborough, there was such a village in Anson County, NC, see: http://www.carolana.com/NC/Towns/Sneedsborough_NC.html