

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lewis S16448

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State of Indiana Rush County: Rush Circuit Court April Term 1833

On this 10th day of April A.D. 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the said Rush Circuit Court the said Rush Circuit Court being a court of record now sitting in and for the said County of Rush John Lewis of said County aged 85 years the 23 day of June next 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 7th 1833. States that he volunteered as well as he can recollect in July 1776 in Captain George West's Company in Loudoun County in the State of Virginia, in what was commonly called the minute men that was held in readiness at a moment's warning to March into service on any emergency that he armed and equipped himself as directed and that he stood in readiness to perform duty when called on for the term of eighteen months – but was not called on and the company was disbanded, that immediately after he was discharged from Captain West's Company he removed West of the Allegheny mountains. That in the month of May 1777 he was drafted at Cox's Fort at the mouth of Cross Creek on the Ohio River above Wheeling for one months service under Captain Mason and was stationed at Fort Wheeling under Colonel Abraham Shepherd for that time, that he served out his time of one month as aforesaid when he was drafted for six months in the service commonly called the Wood Rangers under the Command of Major Henry Taylor in the company commanded by Captain Isaac Pierce, that the Company was organized at Cox's Fort from thence the Battalion marched up the Ohio River to a place called Baker's Fort where they remained about three months when orders came for them to repair to Raridens [?] bottom about 12 miles above the last mentioned place where we remained three months when we were dismissed that the duty this Battalion performed was defending the frontiers settlements from the Indians that at this tour applicant states he served six months that he then removed from thence to Washington County in Pennsylvania, that sometime in the year 1780 he was drafted for one month to guard and pack provisions to the Army at Fort Lawrence [probably Fort Laurens] on the Muskingum River now the State of Ohio, that he went in Company with Colonel Campbell's Regiment of regulars to that place in the Company commanded by Captain Bates as a guard and remained in that service for the term of one month. This applicant states that he served as a private in Captain West's Company for the term of eighteen months – and in Captain Mason's company as a private for the term of one month in Captain Pearce's Company of Would Rangers as a drummer for said company for the term of six months and in Captain Bates Company as first Sergeant for said company for the term of one month –making in all the term of two years and two months – That for the said tours of duty he never received any compensation or discharge

whatever. Consequently he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove his services and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State whatever.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court

S/ Robert Thompson, Clerk

S/ John Lewis, X his mark

[Avenent T. Lewis and Ute Perkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John Longley, a minister of the gospel of the church of Christ commonly called the Christian church gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for one month, a private for one month, and a musician for 6 months in the Virginia service.]