

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Lindsey S18082

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District: On this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord 1834, Personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas for Edgefield District Benjamin Lindsey of the State and District aforesaid aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law, Doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7 of June 1832; That he was drafted in the year 1777 under the command of Captain Anderson Thomas his Company attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Winn, that he was march from Fairfield District in the State aforesaid under said officers and joined the Brigade under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] in the District of Edgefield that from thence he was marched to the frontiers of Georgia under said commander and served three months. That in 1788 [sic] he volunteered under Lieutenant James Thomas: whose command was marched to a Regiment commanded by Colonel David Hopkins, that he marched from Fairfield to the lower part of this state and was in active service in scouting and camp duty for two months. That in the month of June 1781 he again volunteered, under the same officers as before, and was marched to Boils ferry on Broad River and there engaged in an active service for the term of two months, that in September of the same year he again volunteered under the same officers and under said command was marched to the lower part of this State that he was actively engaged under said Command in a tour of two months and during the time was at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, that he afterwards served a tour of duty as a scout under Captain __ Davis for one month, that he afterwards volunteered in '82 under Lieutenant James Davis was attached to General Williamson's Brigade and was in actual service for six months.

The deponent further states that he was borned in the State of Virginia, that his parents removed to this State when quite young, that he has been a Citizen of this State ever since, that owing to old age and consequent loss of memory that he is unable to state more particulars as to the dates and service. That he never received any written discharge.

Sworn to before me this five day of November 1834 in open Court

S/ H. Boulware, CCP

S/ Benjamin Lindsay [sic]

[William Watkins, a minister of the gospel, and James Eidson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: on March 8, 1838, in Newberry District South Carolina, Benjamin Lindsey Junior gave testimony that according to the family record he was born December 15, 1773; that Benjamin Lindsey Senior of Edgefield District is his uncle and has applied for a pension for his revolutionary services; "that he remembers that his uncle started from that district, under Colonel

Hopkins, some time previous to the Battle of the Eutaw in this State, after that Battle he returned to the father's of this deponent, and he remembers his getting a description, to him, of the Battle of Eutaw, the deponent was young, but they hold circumstance of his starting off his return and description of the Battle made a deep and lasting impression on his mind -- deponent recollects on another occasion he left for the service, and his return but does not recollect under what commander or in what particular service -- but it was generally said in the neighborhood -- that he the said Benjamin Lindsey Senior, was actively engaged pretty much during the Revolutionary War in the service of his Country."]

[fn p. 21—the following is a heavily corrected version of this man's affidavit—the original scribe having been extremely imaginative in his spelling, punctuation and grammar]

State of South Carolina Newberry District: Personally came William Jennings before me Benjamin Lindsey Justice of the Quorum for said District and he the said William Jennings after being duly sworn as the law directs he made oath that he was born in North Carolina in Orange County and that about the 16th year of his age he moved into South Carolina and settled in Fairfield District a near neighbor to Benjamin Lindsey Senior who is now claiming a pension as he understands and that he was hired to work with him the said Benjamin Lindsey some time after the break up of the Revolution war and that he heard him the said Benjamin Lindsey Senior say that he had seen duty at different times in the Revolution War and that he went one tour under Captain Thomas and under Captain Davis and that Hopkins was his Colonel in the Service at one time as he recollects and that he heard William Coleman say that he the said Benjamin Lindsey Senior was a soldier in the Revolutionary war on duty at different times and that he the said Jennings heard Enoch Grubs [probably Enoch Grubbs] say that he the said Benjamin Lindsey Senior was a soldier in the revolution war and that the said Grubs dead say that he was with him the said Benjamin Lindsey Senior at the Eutaw battle and he further made oath that the said Benjamin Lindsey Senior and Enoch Grubs and William Coleman was all three men of undoubted truth and stood fair in the District as any man what ever and that it was a general report in the settlement that he the said Benjamin Lindsey Senior was a soldier in the Revolution war and he the said William Jennings further made oath that he does verily believe and has no Doubt that he the said Benjamin Lindsey Senior was in the service when called on throughout the war. Sworn to before me the 24th day of October in the year of 1839

S/ William Jennings

S/ Benjamin Lindsey, JQ

[There are several letters in the file indicating that the veteran had at least one son named Amos Lindsey.]