

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lacy S21342

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State of Tennessee, Henderson County

On this 14th day of August 1834 personally appeared in open court it being the August Term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held in and for the said County of Henderson in the State aforesaid now sitting William Lacy a resident of the said County of Henderson aged seventy-nine years on the 25th day of last May according to the Registry of his age now in his Bible at home -- 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a Private volunteer Soldier for the period of three months in the Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel William Lofton of the North Carolina militia in the company commanded by Captain West Harris and which Regiment was from the County of Montgomery in the said State -- the names of his Major and Lieutenant he does not now recollect -- the Declarant states that he entered the service of the United States in the said Regiment as aforesaid some time in the month of February he thinks 1780 as well as he now recollects the day of the month. It was somewhere between the 15th and 20th day of that month. This Regiment was not stationary but marched and counter-marched through the Counties of Montgomery Cumberland, Moore and Randolph in the said State of North Carolina the object of this service was to protect the State from the Depredations of the Tories who were then in considerable number harassing and plundering the Whigs. This Declarant states that he faithfully served out this Tour of service in the Regiment as aforesaid for the three months under which he volunteered when the whole Regiment was discharged but none in writing given to any soldier of that Regiment as far as he now recollects as to himself he can safely say that he never received any discharge. This Declarant states that he was discharged in conjunction with the soldiers of that Regiment somewhere between the 15th and 20th day of May 1780 -- thus ended the first tour of service under Colonel William Lofton.

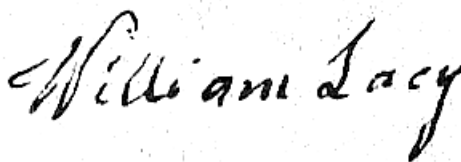
2nd Tour -- This Declarant states that some where between the first and 20th day of July 1781 the exact day of the month he cannot now recollect he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier a Volunteer for the period of three months in the Regiment of Cavalry in the North Carolina militia Regiment from the County of Montgomery and the said State still under the command of Colonel William Lofton in the company commanded by his former Captain West Harris after having served a part of this tour under Captain Harris he was transferred to the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Jennings of the same Regiment. The nature of this tour of service was of the same character as the previous tour to protect the

Citizens of the State of North Carolina from the depredations of the Tories the marching and countermarching of this Regiment was the same as in the previous tour through the Counties of Montgomery Cumberland Moore and Randolph. This declarant states that he faithfully served out this three months Tour of service -- his Lieutenant's name and Major's name he does not now recollect. This Declarant never having served with any of the Regular or Continental regiments consequently he can not name any of them or the officers thereof. This Declarant states that at the expiration of this Tour the Regiment returned to Montgomery Court House and was there discharged en masse without any written Discharge given to any individual Soldier between the first and 15th day of October 1781 -- This Declarant states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service --

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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. He knows of no Clergyman there being none in his immediate neighborhood who can certify as to his reputation of his being a soldier of the Revolution But refers to Stephen Snell Esquire Sheriff of Henderson County and John A.W. Elliott of the same County Gentlemen of high standing and respectability. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno A. Wilson

S/ William Lacy



[Stephen Small, Sheriff of Henderson County, and John A. W. Elliott gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions By the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- in the year 1755 on the 25 day of May in the County of Orange North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer -- in my Bible at Home

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer -- In Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina afterwards in Randolph County in the State then into Davidson County in the same State afterwards removed to Anderson County in the State of Tennessee -- my present place of Residence --

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I was a volunteer in both the Tours as stated in my Declaration

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer as before stated the Regiment to which I belonged and that had for its object of service the protection of the property of the citizens of North Carolina. It did not act in conjunction with any regular Continental or militia Regiments consequently I am unable to make any statement in Relation thereto war of the Officers of the same -- for the circumstances of my service I refer to the same written in the body of my Declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what

has become of it?

Answer in the tours of 3 months each the soldiers of that Regiment were discharged en masse without any written Discharge and consequently I never received any written discharge from the same as far as I have any knowledge never having been given to any private of said Regiment

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution

Answer -- Stephen Snell Sheriff of Henderson County John AW Elliott, David Ingraham, George Grunsby, George Rogers Esquire Justice of the peace of Davidson County and many or if necessary

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina Cavalry, militia service.]