

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lee S31208

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State of Kentucky Montgomery County: SS

On this first day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Montgomery now sitting John Lee a resident of the State of Kentucky Montgomery County and aged 77 years 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He states that he was born in the State of Penisylorvia [sic, Pennsylvania] in Parks County continued there till 13 years old having been born on the 6th day of June 1755. At the age of 13 I moved to Virginia Augusta County. He states that in the year 1782, he volunteered for a term of 9 months in the Militia of Virginia under Captain Buckhannon [Buchanan?], Colonel Borayare [?]¹ Major was named Hamilton. We rendezvoused at North River. We then marched to Norfolk and from thence to little York and was there at the Surrender of Cornwallis in 1782 [sic, October 19, 1781]. I think in Nov. 1782 we then marched to Winchester and at that place were discharged. I received a discharge for nine months and retained it till some short time since but never expecting it would do any good have lost or mislaid it and cannot now find it. He states he has no documentary evidence neither does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his services. He states he moved to Kentucky about 46 years since. He first moved to Fayette County near Lexington moved from thence to Montgomery County & has resided there ever since and now resides there. He states he has no documentary evidence nor neither does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his services. He has no record of his age.

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.

S/ John Lee, X his mark

[Henry Darnall, a clergyman, and William Gray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Samuel McKee of said County came into open Court and made oath that he is well acquainted with John Lee who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. That he became acquainted with him in the year 1781 – he states that he knows of said Lee's having served 2

¹ Interpreted by the War Department as Colonel Bowyer

months during that Siege and was there during the Battle at that place, as to any other service I am not certain but have no doubt he served as he states. Said Lee also went with the prisoners to Winchester but further this affiant will not say. Given under my hand this 8th day of November 1832

S/ Saml. McKee²

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Saml McKee". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized, typical of the early 19th century.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]

² [Samuel McKee S30574](#)