

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Liget

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State of Illinois Montgomery County {Sct}

Court of County Commissioners Special September Term 1832 ---

On this Eighteenth day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the County Commissioners of Montgomery County and State of Illinois now sitting John Liggitt a resident of the County of Montgomery and State of Illinois aged Seventy Years and six months 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 under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. To wit he entered the service at Lexington in Virginia under Capt James Gilmore under Col. Howard of the Maryland Regiment¹ in the later part of the Year 1780 as he believes and that he left the service by being discharged after service six months ---He resided in Rockbridge County in the state of Virginia when he entered the service. He entered as a Volunteer. In this tour of duty he was in the Battle of the Cowpens. He marched with Genl Morgan [Daniel Morgan] continually during this Winters Campaign and was not absent from his campaign until he was finally discharged from the service having marched through part of Virginia, North Carolina & South Carolina. He served and was acquainted with Col. Washington's² Regiment of Horse – He has seen Genl. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] – He has no discharges or documentary evidence and that he knows of no person in the country whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. The said John Liggitt again entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer at Lexington Virginia a short time after he returned home from the six months tour under Capt. James Hall in Col. McDowels Regt and served six weeks tour of duty or thereabouts during this service he marched through part of Virginia and North Carolina and was in the battle of Guilford³. He knew Genl Greene who commanded at this Battle. he also knew Capt. A. Wallace⁴ of the Regulars who was killed in this Battle. He again entered the service after a few days rest under the same Capt and Colo. He marched over the Blue ridge into Old Virginia to meet Colo Tarleton. They marched as far as James Town that tour.⁵ He said Genl Campbell had the command of the whole detachment this tour⁶ – The fourth time he entered the service as a substitute for his brother in law Joseph Campbell for whom he served about three months in the same Company and Regiment and was at the Siege of York at which Lord Cornwallis was captured⁷ and received a severe wound which disabled his hand and it is disabled even to this day. in this last service he was acquainted with Genl. Washington Genl. Wayne Genl. Lee Genl La Fayette Genl. Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] and many others. He lived in the county of Rockbridge Virginia during the whole time of the revolution. he entered the service at Lexington every time but he does not recollect the different places at which he was discharged.

¹ A battalion of Virginia Militia, which included James Gilmore's company, was attached to the Maryland Regiment of Lt. Col. John Eager Howard at the Battle of Cowpens January 17, 1781. John W. Gordon, *South Carolina in the American Revolution*, University of South Carolina 2003; Bobby Gilmer Moss, *The Patriots at the Cowpens*, Scotia Press 1985.

² Lt. Col. William Washington

³ Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781

⁴ Capt. Andrew Wallace BLWt 543-300

⁵ This was probably in May – June of 1781 and refers to the raids of Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton including the one on Charlottesville that failed to capture Gov. Thomas Jefferson. Gordon, *op. cit.*

⁶ Probably William Campbell, who commanded 600 riflemen; Craig L. Symonds, *A Battlefield Atlas of the American Revolution*, Nautical and Aviation Publishing Co. of America, Inc. 1986.

⁷ The Siege of Yorktown was from late September to October 19, 1781;

He knows of no person in this Country, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service nor has he any documentary evidence by which he can prove his service.
& the said John Liggitt do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state –
(Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the said John Liggitt)

Question. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Augusta County Virginia in march A.D. 1762

Quest. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. There was a record at my brothers in Kentucky some years since. But I know not what has become of it.

Quest. Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer. In Rockbridge County Virginia when I entered the service – I removed to Kentucky the next year after the Siege of York [1781] where I lived about thirty eight years. I lived a few years in Alabama and Tennessee and I now live in the County of Montgomery and State of Illinois where I have lived about four years.

Quest. How were you called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. The three first tours I volunteered and the fourth I was a substitute for my brother in law Jos Campbell.

Quest Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it -

Answer. I received discharges but from whom or what has become of them I do not know

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. I knew Genl Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] Colo Washington [William Washington] Colo Davidson and Genl Campbell.

State the names of person to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer. I am acquainted with the Rev. John Grantham and William Mayfield

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid
s/John Liget

[Certification by John Grantham and William Mayfield]

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personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid John Liget. Who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned before and in the following grades: For ten months and fifteen days I served as a volunteer under three separate tours: For three months I serve as a substitute for my brother in law Jos Campbell making in the whole thirteen months and fifteen days and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this Twenty-ninth day of December AD 1832

s/ John Liget

George H Anderson justice of
the peace for Montgomery
County

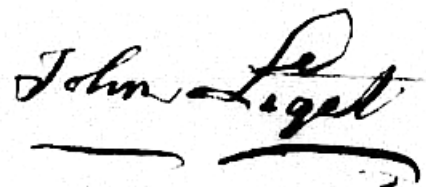
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Territory of Arkansas
County of Washington { }

On this twentieth day of July A.D. 1836 , before me, the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County of Washington, personally appeared, John Liget, who on his oath declares, that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the companies commanded by Captains Gilmore, Hall, Telford and Gilford, in the Regiments commanded by Colonels Howard, McDowell and Keith in the service of the United States; That his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Illinois; from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the Territory of Arkansas, where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable in the future, that pension certificate no: 6307 was assigned to him on the 28th day of February A.D. 1833, allowing him the sum of [forty five] dollars per annum – the following are his reasons for removing, to wit, the climate of Illinois was too cold for his age, that he wished to be near his children who had previously removed to Arkansas, and that by his removal he expects to better his situation in life –

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

s/John Liget

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Liget". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above two horizontal lines that serve as a decorative underline.

20th July 1836
B H Smithson J P

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County of Washington { }

Be it remembered that on this 18th day of March Eighteen hundred and forty one personally came John Leggett before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to law deposeeth and saith, that he is a Revolutionary Pensioner, and that his pension is payable at Little Rock Arkansas, that during the last summer he was attempting to cross White River on horse back, when he lost his saddle bags in the river, that his pension certificate was in his saddle bags and that the same was also lost, and that he is thereby unable to draw his pension – He further states that he is the identical person, named in the said pension certificate granting a pension to John Legget that his present place of residence is Washington County, State of Arkansas, where he has resided for three years past, that his claim to a pension was granted while he resided in Montgomery County State of Illinois, and that he was transferred from the agency for Pensions for the State of Illinois or the State of Arkansas upon his removal to the latter state, He therefore requests a duplicate of his said certificate lost as aforesaid

Sworn to & subscribed
before me

s/John Liget

J K Oldham J P .

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 ½ months service as a private in the Virginia service.]