

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Simeon Lowrey (Lourey) S31826

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

Simeon Lowrey of ___ in the County of Burke in the State of Georgia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a private in Captain Tutt's Company, in the ___ regiment of the South Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

2nd of February 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that Simeon Lowrey is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 at the rate of ___ dollars per month.

The name of Simeon Lowrey cannot be found among those of the South Carolina line, to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office

6 May 1829

The records of this office do not show that Simeon Lowrey of the South Carolina line ever

received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

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I Simeon Lowrey of Burke County and State of Georgia do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution in the State of South Carolina and continued in Service until the fall of Charleston say about 3 years, and after the fall of that City our Company was taken up as prisoners of war, and paroled and so continued until peace was concluded, I was enlisted in Captain Benjamin Tutt's Company and was told that our company was attached to the Regiment commanded by General Moultrie [William Moultrie], as to the \$8 which I was entitled to by Act of Congress 1778 I never received nor ever heard of such a law, and I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States and further that I was a private in said company.

S/ Simeon Lowrey

George of Burke County: before me James Torrance Justice of the Inferior Court, duly empowered to administer oaths in the County of Burke in the State of Georgia personally appeared this day William Gray and Nancy Spain of the said County who did severally make oath that Simeon Lowrey by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed is generally reputed and believed to have been a soldier in the Army of the revolution in manner as therein stated, Witness my hand this 5th day of January 1829.

S/ James Torrance, JIC

S/ William Gray

S/ Matthew Spain

Burke County Georgia January 9th 1829

Dear Sir

In about four hours after my claim was started by mail I received a letter from Mr. Thomas Gray of Wilkinson County with this enclosed affidavit and also your letter of the 29th of November 1828. By your letter I find it necessary to send on the following as quickly as possible.

In the first place I will state all the circumstances that can be done on this sheet that comes in my knowledge. Myself and Brother were enlisted in the Continental line by my Father before I was sixteen. My Brother two years younger, I think I had just entered my 15th. My Captain was Benjamin Tutt the first Lieutenant was Richard Tutt the 2nd Thomas Farrow, Ensign James Higgins Sergeant Major Glawzer First Sergeant Shaffer the non-commissioned officers were frequently changed and need not be mentioned. We were stationed at Fort Rutledge forty miles North of the frontiers of South Carolina. We the soldiers saw no Officers but our own except Militia that were sent to our relief in time of imminent danger: General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] was their commander as we understood. Part of our men were marched to Savannah four of them fell at the siege. One of our men was killed at the Fort and scalped. One wounded. Hollems killed. James Dannelow [Dunnebow?] wounded. Just before fall of Charleston, part of our Company was marched to Augusta: 14 of our men were set down with the wagons by the way of Congaree for safety myself was one. As the Tories were very troublesome on the direct way. When we got to Moncks Corner there our officer received information of the surrender of Charleston. We returned to Augusta as quickly as possible. From thence our Company was marched back to the station Fort Rutledge and in a short time a British Officer and a large company came to the Fort and all the munitions of war were taken up. The men paroled

and quickly scattered. I do not believe that any of our officers are alive except Thomas Farrow¹ and has removed from his former residence in Carolina. I have not had it in my power to ascertain his residence war I should have applied to him for aid in this matter.

In your letter to Mr. Gray you speak of grants or other gifts to Soldiers. When I enlisted, I believe I received \$30 and a promise of 200 acres of land and clothing. I remember I received some money at one time while in service a bluecoat turned up with a red, overalls (as they were then called) made perhaps of white plains one pair stockings one letter Turned up before and behind, the buttons on our coats had the initials of the United States we were so often without shirts that I do not recollect whether I received any or not. Perhaps we received one blanket filled in part with hair mixed with some wool or cotton. You will ask how we made out Bad enough I assure you. I can hardly refrain my tears while I am relating these circumstances. But to return, After Peace was concluded I was in North Carolina, where I had retired for safety (as the Tories were so troublesome that we had to join one party or the other) I returned to South Carolina and found that a Land Office had been established where was desert when I left Grants Warrants had been granted, and all the Land surveyed (as they told me) that was worth granting. No attention was paid to the Soldiers claims. Being young and without money I shaped my course to Georgia and settled where I now reside I have no knowledge (as before stated) of the act of 1778 as one of the requisites which you require.

Mr. Gray says in his affidavit that I was a Sergeant. That part I do not claim. After we had been separated for twenty years he came and settled in this County and found me in office. This is the only reason I can give for his mistake. But I send it to you just as it is with his letters. I have not been able to see him since the law was passed and you must judge from what is before you of the justness of my claims. Allowing for little inadvertencies from the length of time since we were in service and he being an old man and I expect very infirm.

I should have been more Ford in this business but from the opinion entertained of your requirements I concluded it impossible to comply with them. I knew of no person living to whom I could refer but a few old soldiers and those I conceived to be a party at interest. But in conversation, while looking over the law, some were of the opinion that common repute was sufficient. I sent on to Mr. Gray and he delayed until now I have lost all expectation of being benefited by his testimony. I shall send him my testimony to aid Mr. Gray. He is extremely poor and should he obtain relief it might keep him off the Parish.

You may think I am tedious and that I have a good memory but Sir the thoughts of our youth are better recollected than acts that past ten days ago and when I bring to mind the perils in the wilderness perils of hunger, in nakedness, and cold, off times in danger of losing my life riding expresses to the frontier to search out spies in cane breaks. Oh my Dear Sir could I see you face-to-face to relate what I cannot put on this sheet, you would want no further testimony except to comply with the law.

You can inquire of Mr. John M. Berrun our Senator in Congress who is personally acquainted with me.

I am Dear Sir yours with Respect
S/ Simeon Lowrey

Hon. Richard Rush

P. S. Should the evidence which I have produced the deemed sufficient to establish my case will you be good enough to afford what is coming to me by mail observing to cut the bills and to and send me one part of them first and upon the knowledge meant of the receipt of that part and the

¹ Sic, [Thomas Farrar R3449](#)

prisoner of war and remained there till Tarleton's defeat. I then went to Wake County North Carolina and remained there until the war closed. During the time I was there I served a three months tour in the militia as a substitute for a man who was drafted and was on public duty at Raleigh North Carolina during the three months, this was called a foraging party after that I removed to Burke County Georgia & have resided there ever since and still reside there still -- that he has no documentary evidence by whom he can establish his evidence, that he has appended to this the affidavits of Levi Lowry³ and Charles Gunter⁴ both of Jackson County in this State who know and have testified of his services. 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 whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ George W. Evans, JIC

S/Simeon Lowrey

S/ L. F. Powell, JIC

S/ M. Blount, JIC

[John J. Triggs, a clergyman and Ezekiel Lester gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to the questions propounded by the Court to Simeon Lowrey agreeably to the Instructions of the War department.

Answer to the first Interrogatory. I was born on the 15th [could be 13th] day of September 1762 in Wake County North Carolina

Ans to the 2nd I have a record of my age is my family Bible and at my house

Ans to the 3rd I was living in South Carolina Ninety Six district immediately after the close of the war I moved to Burke County Georgia where I have resided ever since and where I now reside.

Ans to the 4th I enlisted for 3 years under the direction of my father and afterwards in the State of North Carolina served as a substitute for 3 months for man whose name I do not recollect in the militia

Answer to the 5th I was young at the time and know no other officers except those immediately attached to the company none had command of the company except the company officers I understood that the company belonged to the State Regiment but the Regimental officers never had the immediate command of the company nor did the company every join the Regiment of nature of my service I have stated in my declaration.

Answer to the 6th I never received a discharge to my recollection. My company was taken by the British and paroled just after my time of enlistment had expired.

Answer to the 7th Ezekiel Lester & John J. Triggs and the whole neighborhood were it convenient for them to attend court.

These answers were sworn to & subscribed before us this 7th September 1835

S/ Simeon Lowrey

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Georgia Jackson County: Personally came before me Levi Lowrey⁵ & saith on oath That in the month of June 1777 himself and his brother Simeon Lowrey enlisted in the revolutionary War under Captain Benjamin Tutt in the Independent Company and South Carolina & was stationed at Fort Rutledge in the State of South Carolina forty miles in front of the Inhabitants & remained

³ [Levi Lowrey W8091](#)

⁴ [Charles Gunter W27550](#)

⁵ [Levi Lowrey W8091](#)

there for the term of three years except when on other duty. The officers of the Company was Benjamin Tutt Captain Richard Tutt first Lieutenant Thomas Farrow 2nd Lieutenant James Huggins Ensign Nicholas Clawshure Sergeant Major Michael Shaffer orderly Sergeant. The said Simeon Lowrey remained in the service until the Fort was taken by the British in the year 1780. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 17th June 1835

S/ Levi Lowrey

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Georgia Jackson County: Personally appeared before me Perry Bowen an acting Justice of the peace for said County Charles Gunter who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he enlisted in the Service of his Country in the revolutionary war at Fort Rutledge in South Carolina to the best of his recollection in the year 1778 in Captain Benjamin Tutt's Company & Richard Tutt was first Lieutenant Thomas Farrow 2nd Do James Huggins Ensign Nicholas Glawsure Sergeant Major Michael Shaver orderly Sergeant and when he went into service Samuel Lowrey was in the same Company and he the said Simeon continued there until the Fort was taken by the British in the year 1780. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th of June 1835

S/ Parry Bowen, JP

S/ Charles Gunter, G his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 2 years service in the revolution.]