

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard Lipe S32381

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State of Illinois Perry County: On this 28th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of Perry County in the State of Illinois now sitting Leonard Lipe a Resident of Nine-Mile Prairie in the said County of Perry and State of Illinois aged 69 or 70 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 June 7th 1832.

That in the year 1781 this Deponent was a Citizen of Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina in the summer of that year after Lord Cornwallis had marched up through that part of the Country the Tories rose in every direction and it became necessary for all to arm themselves and join the American cause in defense of themselves and families. This deponent although not of age to be drafted or regularly called into service volunteered his service and joined the Army which General Sumter [sic, Thomas Sumter] had gathered in South Carolina after Cornwallis had passed on to the North. This General not being able to raise an army sufficient for his purpose in the State of South Carolina sent officers to North Carolina to recruit and it was at this time this Deponent volunteered and served under Captain Samuel Martin Lieutenant Hemphill [Samuel Hemphill] the first part of the tour & Lieutenant Jack [James Jack] the last part of the time. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Poke [sic, William Polk] -- and the General Sumter as before stated. This deponent joined Sumter's Army on the Congaree River about thirty miles from Camlin [sic, Camden] -- and from thence were busily engaged in scouring the Country through most part of the State of South Carolina searching out and chastising the Tories -- The principal commander of the Tories was General Cunningham [Robert Cunningham] -- General Rodney [sic, Lord Rawdon] had the command at Charleston of the British forces and was endeavoring by the assistance of the Tories to march through the Country in the manner of Cornwallis & pursued his route as far as the Eutaw Springs. Here the Americans met, fought and defeated the British at the said Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. Ten or twelve days before the Battle this Deponent with one William Alexander was sent by General Sumter on an express to General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] -- who was at the time at Ninety Six and by an agreement between them Generals Sumter, Greene and Marion [Francis Marion] met about two miles from the spring the night before the Battle. After this Battle the British and many of the Tories retreated to Charleston and the Army under Sumter were relieved from constant active services for a while -- and then again commenced their ranging again. The tour for which this deponent volunteered was ten months and served a tour out in the manner above stated and received a written discharge at its expiration. This deponent further says he has no documentary evidence at the present time whereby to prove his actual service and he knows

of no person within his reach by whom he can prove it. This deponent 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.

Interrogatories put by the court to the said Leonard Lipe

Question 1st -- Where and in what year were you born --

Answer -- if I mistake not I was born in Linkhorn [sic, Lincoln] County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1763 or 1764 and which I cannot now tell --

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

Answer. My Father had a Record of his children's ages in his family Bible but during the troublesome times of the revolutionary war the book was by some means lost -- and this is all the record by ever had of my age --

Question 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 Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina when called into service and still lived in the same County for some time then I moved to Jackson County State of Illinois thence to Perry County in the same State where I now live --

Question 4th. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom --

Answer -- I volunteered

Question 5th 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 -- General Greene and Marion Colonel Washington [William Washington] were at the Eutaw battle at this Battle this deponent fought under the command of Sumter. His force were formed on the left Greene on the right and Marion (which was small) in the center. Here Colonel Washington was taken Prisoner --

Question 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 -- I received a written Discharge from my Captain and it was preserved with great care until consumed in a burning house with many other valuable papers --

Question 7. 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer -- I give the names of Abner Keith, Esquire and Comrade Will [si], representative in the legislature from Jackson County, who are both acquainted with me --

S/. Leonard Lipe, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first herein above mentioned.

S/ H. B. Jones, Clerk

[Abner Keith and Conrad Will gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Montgomery County Sct

Be it remembered that on this 26th day of July A.D. 1833 Henry Briance¹ personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and being duly sworn saith, that he was a private and Colonel Polk's Regiment of the State troops in North Carolina, in the revolutionary War in the year 1781 and was acquainted with Leonard Lipe then a

¹ [Henry Briance S32133](#)

private in Captain Hutchinson's and Captain Martin's Companies of said Regiment of State troops -- He knew said Lipe at the time he entered the service of the United States in the spring of the said year 1781 and knew that he served during the ten months service, during the term of time for which that Corps was raised & organized and knew him when he was discharged being in the winter or spring of the year 1782, and knew that the service of said Lipe was faithful. He knew said Lipe to have had a whole shot through his hat, which cut said Lipe's hair, at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs.

S/ Henry Briance



Sworn to and subscribed before me this date above

S/ Hiram Rountree, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.34 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service in the revolution.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Leonard Lipe AA3
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 4605

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[p 2 : Printed form of Indent No. 573 Book M dated first of October 1784 “delivered to Mr. Leonard Lipe late Private in S. Martin’s [Samuel Martin’s] Troop, Polk’s [Lt. Col. William Polk’s] Regiment Sumpter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last.”]

[p 3: Revise of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the SC Treasury, James Maxwell, Thomas Sumter and Samuel McKee. How these men obtained an interest in the Indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name.