

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Lewis S35520

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Kentucky Washington County Sct.

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1818

Be it remembered that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818 came James Lewis before me Arthur Emmory Gibbins Presiding Judge of the Washington County Court and being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God says that in the month of August in the year of our Lord 1780 he enlisted as a private Soldier (in the Company of Captain Bently [probably William Bentley] of a Regiment of Virginia Commanded by Colonel Haw [probably Samuel Hawes]) for the term of nine months that he served the Term of his enlistment which having expired he left the said Company, but received no discharge owing to the circumstance as he supposes of his immediately enlisting as a light Dragoon in the Company of Captain Parsons [William Parsons] of a Regiment Commanded by Colonel William Washington where he remained for the Term of twenty-seven months when a peace being about to be the Declared he obtained permission to return home and received from his Officers a furlough without Date given him permission to remain at home until further Orders. He never received any further Orders, to repair to the Service, nor did he receive any Discharge – his second enlistment was to continue during the War of the American Revolution both were in said Revolution on the Continental establishment he was in the Battles of Guilford Ct. house [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] & Campden [probably the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] in the second engagement in a rencountre between himself and a British Dragoon he received a Wound in his head from a Broad sword from the effects of which he has not yet recovered – his Circumstances are so reduced that he needs the assistance of his Country for a Support. He has not in his power any other evidence to offer. He prays for a pension under the Acts of Congress in 1818.

S/ James Lewis, X his mark

[p 17: On August 12, 1819 in Washington County Kentucky, the veteran filed yet another application for a pension in which he states that he entered the service in Amelia County Virginia in August 1780 under Captain Bentley in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Haw; that he was discharged on the waters of the Santee [River] in South Carolina and that he was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse and Camden under General Green [Nathanael Greene].]

District of Kentucky Washington County Sct.

On this 17 day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being a court of record for the said County James Lewis aged about 60 years resident in Washington County and

in the State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit he was enlisted about the year 1780 first for 18 months and then during the war in the State of Virginia in Captain Parrons [sic] Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Washington of \_\_ that he has received a pension the No. of his pension Certificate is 16564.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the following schedule to wit one horse worth \$25, one half dollar that there is \$20 owing to him more than he owes his trade is that of a farmer and [is] ill able to follow it. He has no family.

S/ James Lewis

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July the 9<sup>th</sup>, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years and 3 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that James Lewis a Soldier in 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Light Dragoons enlisted in the Continental Cavalry April 1780 for the War continued to the end of the War; given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> December 1784.

S/ Will. Parsons [William Parsons]  
Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> R. L. D.

A Copy  
S/ H Randolph

Pleas to send me whatever is due from the within service by my brother Thomas Lewis  
Oblige Gent. yr. H. St.  
S/ James Lewis

Teste  
S/ Ste. Cocke  
To the Auditors of Public Accounts and to any other Gent. it may Concern  
A copy  
S/ Philip Southall