

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Lefler S35522

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State of Indiana County of Harrison: Sct.

On this fifteenth day of May in the year 1826, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, and made so by the laws of the said State of Indiana for the County of Harrison aforesaid and being one of the Circuit Court, in and for the second Judicial Circuit in said State, George Lefler, a resident in said County of Harrison, aged seventy-five years, since sometime in last fall, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he, the said George Lefler, enlisted for the term of two years, sometime in the month of February or March, in the year 1780 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Robert Bell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in the line of the State of Virginia on the United States Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the fall of 1783, when he was discharged from said service in Fort Pitt, now Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the Roll of any State, except it be placed on the Roll of this State, and that the following all the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension: until within five or six years, the said Lefler was able by his trade, which was that of a Merchant Miller to support himself and family, that within that time he has occasionally lived and resided with one or the other of his children, that he made application about 4 years since for the benefit of the pension laws to Davis Floyd then president Judge of the said Harrison Circuit Court and was informed by him that it was indispensable to obtain the evidence of revolutionary services; that said Lefler did not know nor ascertain where his evidence could be found or procured until sometime during last fall (that is the fall of 1825); And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: To wit:

Schedule of property owned by George Lefler aforesaid

one Saddle worth	\$5.00
one pair of saddle bags worth	4.00

one Bridle worth	<u>.75</u>
	\$9.75
and a debt due by open account from George May for the balance of a purchase of a horse at the sum of \$25.00	<u>11.00</u>
	\$20.75

S? George Lefler, X his mark

This declarant further states that his trade or occupation is that of a merchant miller, that he has not been able from old age and decrepitude to follow his occupation or pursue any business that would yield him a support for upwards of six years, nor is he now able from the infirmities of old age to labor. That his wife has been dead about ten years, and that he has not kept house nor had a family under his charge for about seven years. That his children have all married off except two, who worked about from place to place and that none of his family or children reside with him but on the contrary that although his children are all poor he lives with them, sometimes with one and sometimes with another. This declarant further states that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country or Government. This declarant further states that since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, the following changes have been made in his property – This declarant states that he did not on any property whatever on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 either directly or indirectly, that he never has for more than 20 years owned a foot of land or any other quantity – that the saddle & bridle and saddle bags named in the foregoing schedule was given to him sometime in the early part of 1825, and that he purchased and received a horse worth about 20 or \$25 of one Christian Philabaum of Pennsylvania for an old debt of this amount sometime in the fall of 1824 that about the same time he exchanged his horse for a young colt unfit for service and this colt said declarant exchanged a short time afterwards for another horse which latter horse he sold to one George May in this State in Washington County sometime in the month of April last past for the sum of \$25, fourteen of which has been paid leaving a balance due of \$11 as stated in the above schedule. That the whole amount received has been variously applied to pecuniary necessities & wants of this declarant except one nine pence and six ¼ cents which he has now on hand.

S/ George Lefler, X his mark

State of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

This day General Joseph Winlock & Doctor John Knight personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for said County and made oath that they are personally acquainted with George Lefler and knew him well in the revolutionary war that he enlisted in the revolutionary war about the year 1780 as a Soldier in the Continental Army for the term of two years and that they knew the said Lefler was marched out in the service and that he continued in the Army between two and three years that he served in the Virginia line in Captain Robert Beale's Company in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment & Continental establishment.

Given under our hands this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1825.

S/ Joseph Winlock,<sup>1</sup> late

Lt. 7<sup>th</sup> Virga. Regt.

S/ John Knight,<sup>2</sup> Late

Surgeons Mate 7 Virga. Remt.

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Winlock W3060](#)

<sup>2</sup> [John Knight W12051](#)

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing May 15, 1826, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]