

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Lee S38138

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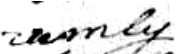
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State of Kentucky Spencer County: Sct.

On this 11th [could be 19th] day of May 1834 personally appeared before me Samuel Marshall a Justice of the peace in and for Spencer County and one of the Judges of the County Court of said County Samuel Lee aged 71 years and after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

This declarant states that he was residing in Hardy County¹ State of Virginia when he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. That in the year 1781 a draft was ordered in said County for a tower [tour] of six months and he thinks the draft took place about the first of March in the year aforesaid and he states they rendezvoused at the Courthouse in said County which was called rumly [sic, probably Romney, Hampshire County West Virginia]² and was marched from said place of rendezvous under Captain Anderson Lieutenant William B Lewis and Ensign John Vandiver and was attached to Major Higginses Battalion and marched down through Winchester from there to Fredericksburg and crossed the River at Fredericksburg and from thence to join the main Army which junction was formed near Richmond and was attached to Colonel Edmusions [sic Edmondson's or Edmunds'?] regiment he states that during this Campaign they were seldom stationed long at one place but was almost constantly marching sometimes after the enemy and sometimes retreating from the enemy until his time of draft expired when he was verbally discharged by his said Captain Anderson in the first of September and went home. This declarant further states that in the month of September 1781 another draft was ordered for 3 months when his father was drafted into the service for a tower of 3 months when he the said declarant did take his father's place and rendezvoused at the Courthouse of said County and was marched from said place under Captain Neale on down through Winchester thence on down to Fredericksburg and from there to Williamsburg and from there to York town and was there during the siege and after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] he states he did guard a part of the prisoners from York town up to Winchester Barrix [Barracks] where he was stationed as a guard until his time of service expired when he was discharged legally by his said Captain Neale in December his Colonel from the great lapse of time he cannot remember but he thinks it was his former Colonel Edmusion – he states he has no documentary evidence of his Service nor knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said

¹ Hardy County (now West Virginia) was formed in 1786 from Hampshire County (now West Virginia)

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services and that from old age and bodily infirmity he is unable to appear in open Court to make his declaration 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 any State or Territory

S/ Samuel Lee

Samuel Lee

Answers to the Questions by the magistrate

I was born in Richmond County State of Virginia in the year of 1763 and I have a record of my age as was left in my father's register and when I entered into the Service I was living in Hardy County State of Virginia where I remained until the year of 1790 when I moved to Kentucky where I have lived ever since and I now live in Spencer County Kentucky and was once drafted into the service for six months and I again substituted for three months for my father and on my first tower there was of the regular officers General Washington, General Lafayette, General Wayne, General Steuben and of the militia there was General Muhlenberg, General Stevens, general Stanton, Colonel Richison, Major Higgins that I knew and on my second tower there was of the regular officers General Washington, General Lafayette, General Wayne, Colonel Butler, Commandant of Light Corps and of the militia there was General Lawson, General Nelson, Colonel Edumson, Colonel Richeson, that I knew and I never received any written discharge but was both times verbally discharged by my Captains and I will state the names of Samuel R. Sparks Clergyman and Nimrod Sparks who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

S/ Samuel Lee

[Samuel Sparks, a clergyman, and Nimrod Sparks, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service.]