

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis St. John S38408

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State and District of Virginia Frederick County Sct.

On this 15 day of June 1818, before me the subscriber, [indecipherable word, could be "JP"] and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County in and for the said State and District, personally appeared Lewis St. John aged sixty-three years, resident in the said County in the said State and district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said Lewis St. John enlisted in the County of Essex in the State of Virginia aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Burwell of a Regiment of Artillery on Continental establishment then commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison but cannot recollect the number of the Regiment but knows it was called the second, on the 4th day of March in the year 1777 to serve for three years; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the term of his enlistment expired, when he was discharged from service at Morristown in the State of New Jersey, that he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. That he has lost his discharge and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert White

Virginia

At a Court continued and held for Frederick County the 3rd day of August 1820

On this 3rd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for said County Lewis St. John aged 65 years resident in the said County, who being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Burwell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison in the Virginia line: and that he has received a certificate for a pension No. 3613. 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 schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed excepting necessary clothing and bedding viz.

six head of grown Cattle, four two-year olds, four one-year olds, six young Calves, fourteen head of hogs, four head of Horses and twenty-two head of sheep, one Cupboard, one cherry tree table, one pine table, six split bottom chairs, one pine chest, one trunk, one set common knives and forks, one dozen plates, two dishes, two pots, one oven, two table cloths. I owe \$60 for last year's rent and shall owe \$80 more in the fall for this year's rent.

S/ Lewis St. John, X his mark

I am by occupation a farmer, and have no family except my wife who is about 50 years of age and very sickly and infirm: I am myself in pretty good health although my strength is impaired by age.

S/ Lewis St. John, X his mark

[the court valued the property schedule at \$88]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]