

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Sawyer S3851

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State of Tennessee Cocke County

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid Lewis Sawyer a resident of Cocke County & State of Tennessee aged 85 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was drafted in the Army of the United States in the first year of the Revolution & served in the second division & as he believes in the Seventh regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Lockard of Northampton County North Carolina & Captain William Barrett

That he rendezvoused at Northampton Courthouse in North Carolina and marched from said Court house to Sullivan's Island and was then discharged at said Island & returned home, making a campaign of three months for which time he was drafted.

Said applicant further states that he entered the Service of the United States again in the Second Division of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment according to allotment of said Second division & was drafted as before in the preceding tour & commanded by Colonel Samuel Lockard & Captain James Bradley & rendezvoused at Northampton Courthouse under said officers & marched thence through Halifax Town North Carolina and on his march met with General Green [Nathanael Greene] was then attached to General Green's Army and marched under his command to the Utaw Springs [Eutaw Springs].<sup>1</sup> That he was engaged in the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] under General Greene the engagement lasting near four hours. That he was after the Battle had been fought discharged & returned home to Northampton County North Carolina making a campaign of three months for which time he was drafted.

Said applicant further states that he in turn of his division & Regiment above mentioned commanded by Colonel S. Lockard was drafted again and entered the Service of the United States under Captain William Barrett & rendezvoused at Northampton Courthouse & then marched to Camden & was engaged in the Battle of Gait's defeat [Gates' Defeat or the Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]<sup>2</sup> & was taken prisoner by the British officers & kept as a prisoner between 2 & 3 weeks but by chance & opportunity escaped from the British guard & returned to his family but when arrived at home was immediately called out again & taken to Taylor's Ferry on Roanoke River Macklinburg County under the command of Captain William Linton & then was discharged & returned home to Northampton County making another campaign of three

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

months.

Said applicant further states that he was drafted again, but owing to the ill state of health of his Wife he hired a substitute for three months by the name of John Ellis making in all his own services in the War a Term of 12 months and a Term of 3 months for his Substitute making in all 15 months.

That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services.

& He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares his name is not on the pension role of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Sworn to an open Court

S/ G. M. Porter, Clk

S/ Lewis Sawyer, X his mark

[James R Allen and James Holland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia.]