

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willis Lewis S41768

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1818

On this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord 1818, personally appeared in open Court Willis Lewis a private at aged sixty-eight years, resident in the County of Pitt; who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by a late act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" -- That he the said Willis Lewis enlisted on or about the 20th July 1778 in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Childs of the 10th Regiment. That he faithfully served for the term of nine months in the said Corps of the North Carolina Continental line -- That he is in reduced circumstances & needs assistance from his Country for support.

S/ Willis Lewis, X his mark

[attested by Exum Lewis, chairman of the court]

State of North Carolina Pitt County: on this the 7th day of September in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court (of the County aforesaid being a Court of record) Willis Lewis aged seventy-one years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war (as follows)

That he was drafted for nine months and marched under the command of Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun] to the North as far as West Point; from which place he returned to Halifax NC and was there discharged. He further states that he has been entered on the pension list according to the Act of Congress 18th March 1818 that his Certificate bears date the 3rd of February, 1819 and is numbered 6366 and that he has received from the Branch of the United States Bank at Fayetteville \$144.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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

one Sow & 2 pigs	10 Spoons
4 axes 3 weeding hoes	3 Tin Cups & Saucers
1 Case of knives & forks	2 Iron pots
3 Plates & 2 Dishes	1 Dutch Oven
1 Skillet & 2 Tubs	1 Frying Pan
1 Sifter & 4 chairs	1 Pail & 1 Piggin
	1 Flat iron & 2 Barrels

I further declare that I am by occupation a farmer but am unable to labor so as to maintain myself, and having no land of my own to cultivate have been compelled to lease a spot for myself and family whereon we live. My family consists of a wife and two sons, the former of whom is fifty-one years old and unable through infirmities to contribute anything towards her support, my sons are sixteen and eighteen years old, the former is called William, the latter Frederick who has had the misfortune of breaking one of his arms which renders him unable to perform hard labor, William is a youth of tolerable health.

If anyone needs the assistance of their Country it is myself and family and should the War Department reject this application I shall be compelled to throw myself on the charity of the County wherein I reside.

Sworn to and declared in open Court before me
S/Archibald Parker, CSC

S/ Willis Lewis, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 26, 1818 for 9 months service in the North Carolina Continental line during the revolution.]