

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Lyon (Lion) S41789

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County: SS

On the 13th day of September A.D. 1819, Jacob Lyon aged fifty-seven years personally appeared before me and being duly sworn according to law doth 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", to wit, That he the said Jacob Lyon enlisted in Captain Valentine Harrison's Company, Virginia Regiment in the month of September A.D. 1780; and that he continued to serve in the service of the United States until the month of January or February A.D. 1782: This Deponent saith that when he enlisted the Regiment he belonged to was commanded by Colonel John Greene [John Greene] of Culpeper County Virginia, but some time after the Battle fought at Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina, the same Regiment was commanded by Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes] but, and that after the siege of Ninety Six [lifted in June 1781] in South Carolina this deponent was transferred to and did duty in the Corps of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of Virginia, in which Corps he served until just before he was discharged from the Army, when he was sent to Salisbury in North Carolina and discharged as before stated. This deponent further saith that he was in the Battle of Guilford, at the Battle near Cambden [Camden, Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] fought between Generals Greene and Lord Rawdon; that he was at the Siege of Ninety Six, and at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]: This Deponent further saith that [he] resides in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for Support. The Deponent further saith that his discharge has been lost by accident or mislaid, so that he has not got it nor does he know where it is.

William Harris maketh oath that he was present when Jacob Lyon enlisted as a Soldier in the Service of the United States as set forth in the above Affidavit, that he lived in the same neighborhood and well recollects that said Lyon was absent from home after his enlistment for the space of eighteen months or thereabout, and it was understood by this Deponent and all the neighbors that said Lyon was during that time in the service aforesaid.

Thomas Grimsly¹ maketh oath that Jacob Lyon enlisted into the same Company to which he himself belonged: that he was present at his enlistment and they entering in service together for some time when they were separated. They were honorably discharged on the same day and

¹ Thomas Grimsley FPA S37956

returned home together. He has good reason to believe that said Lyon served faithfully during the time of his enlistment set forth in his Affidavit above.

The within Affidavits were sworn to before me Archibald D Murphey One of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Courts of Equity in and for the State of North Carolina this 13th September A.D. 1819

S/ A. D. Murphey

State of North Carolina Wilkes County – Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1822

On this 8th day of February 1822 Jacob Lyon personally appeared in Open Court (being a Court of Record) aged fifty-nine years resident in the County of Wilkes in the said State of North Carolina, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the 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 the said Jacob Lyon enlisted in Captain Valentine Harrison's Company of one of the Virginia regiments in the service of the United States in the month of September A.D. 1780; and that he continued in the said service until January or February A.D. 1780: He further saith that when he enlisted the Regiment was commanded by Colonel John Greene of Culpeper County, Virginia, but sometime after the battle fought at Guilford Court House in North Carolina, the same Regiment was commanded by Colonel Hawes, and that after the siege of Ninety Six in South Carolina, he the said Jacob Lyon was transferred and did duty in the Corps of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Henry Lee of Virginia in which Corps he served until just before he was discharged from the Army, when he was sent to Salisbury in North Carolina and there discharged. He further saith that he was in the Battles of Guilford; and at the Battle near Camden fought between General Greene and Lord Rawdon; that he was at the Siege of Ninety Six, and at the Battle of Eutaw Springs: And that his discharge has been lost or mislaid so that he does not know what has become of it. – That since the filing of his first declaration, he has been disabled by a fall from his horse which has so injured his left arm as to render him totally incapable of obtaining a support by his labor. The declarant further saith that he is about 59 years old; And his wife Jane about fifty-three years old, very weak and feeble; and that he has 6 children living with him to wit: Frances about thirty-two years old, Ruth twenty-one, Austin about eighteen, Solomon about fourteen, Meredith about eleven and Jacob about eight. And that his first declaration was dated the 13th day of September A.D. 1819.

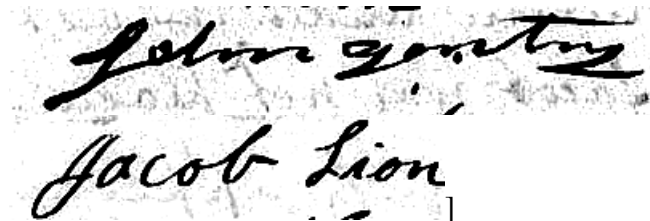
And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 subscribed, to wit, four hundred and fifty acres of land – two horse creatures, one mare and one colt – fourteen head of cattle – nine head of sheep – seventeen head of hogs – two plows – two axes – one mattock – four weeding hoes – the whole of the value of \$377.50. This declarant further saith that he is by occupation a farmer. Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court the 8th day of February A.D. 1832

S/ Jacob Lyon, X his mark

[Note: the amount of property shown on the schedule above would have been in excess of that allowed by the Commissioner of Pension in order to qualify as "indigent" for purposes of the 1818 and 1820 acts.]

[p 46: On September 14, 1825 in Wilkes County North Carolina the veteran giving his age as about 63 years, filed another application for a pension in which he describes his service substantially as set forth in his prior declarations and to which he attaches a new schedule of property showing a significantly reduced value. In this document he also states: "That he the said Jacob I am is by occupation a farmer that he is Crippled – in his arm and hip occasioned by a fall from his horse and so infirm that he is unable to labor in such way as to gain than a full subsistence that his family consist of himself and his wife one son eighteen years old named Solomon one other son afflicted with Rheumatism fifteen years old named Meredy and a third son thirteen years old named Jacob."]

[p 12: On April 30, 1852 in Wilkes County North Carolina, Francis Lion [sic], Atha Gentry and wife, Rachal, Valentine Lion, James Lion, Ruth Lion, John Gentry and wife Elizabeth, Austin Lion, Solomon Lion, Meredith Lion and Jacob Lion filed a power of attorney in which they stated they all the children and heirs at law of Jacob Lion [sic], a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum. All signed with their marks except John Gentry and Jacob Lion as follows:



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature is "John Gentry" and the bottom signature is "Jacob Lion". Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Facts in file: Veteran died August 16, 1840, place not shown;

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 9, 1829, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]