

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ezekiel Lewis S4533

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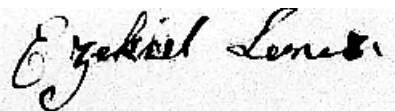
State of Pennsylvania County of Armstrong: SS

On this 18th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable John Young Esquire President & Robert Orr & Joseph Rankin Esquire Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Armstrong County, now sitting, Ezekiel Lewis a resident of Sugar Creek Township in the County of Armstrong, and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy-seven 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 act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Colonel Archibald Lochery [Archibald Lochry]¹, Captain William Campbell (Captain of Light horse) under whom he was. That he entered about the first day of August A.D. 1781, that he was taken by the Indians on their way from Jacobs Creek in Westmoreland County in this State to the mouth of the Big Miami [River] where he was taken on the 24th day of August A.D. 1781. That he continued a prisoner from the 24th day of August 1781 until the following year in July, to which the year 1782, and was kept during that time on "Prisoner Island" in the River of St. Lawrence. Thinks that Thomas Stokely's Company was one of the Continental companies (if so) he served with that Company. That they traveled down the Ohio River. That he has no documentary evidence, that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the deposition of Robert Orr² Esquire who was with him & commanded one of the companies under Colonel Lochry, which said deposition is herewith transmitted.

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 the agency of any State.

S/ Ezekiel Lewis



Sworn to and

Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Fredk Rohrer, Pro.

[John Dickey, a clergyman, and Thomas Foster gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories put to Ezekiel Lewis by the Court

¹ There is an excellent account of Lochry's Defeat posted at

<http://boards.ancestry.com/thread.aspx?mv=flat&m=803&p=topics.Military.amerrev.general>

² FPA S4621

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Schannadore County [Shenandoah County] Virginia, in the year 1755

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. There is a record of my age in my grandfather's Bible in the County where I was born, at the death of my Grandfather the Bible was in the hands of Mordecai Lewis his son, who is since dead.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. In Westmoreland County Pennsylvania, After I returned home from the Indians I lived 9 years in Westmoreland and since then I now live in Sugarcreek Township Armstrong County Pennsylvania.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I volunteered as before stated.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I was not joined with any Continental company as before stated unless Captain Thomas Stokely's Company, but I know that Colonel Lochry was under General Clark [George Rogers Clark] whom we were to meet at Wheeling, Virginia, who had left Wheeling when we arrived there, who left directions for us to follow him down the Ohio River, which we were doing accordingly when taken by the Indians

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never did the Captain having been killed by the Indians.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. The Reverend John Dickey, the Honorable Robert Orr Senior and Thomas Foster.

These interrogatories were put by

S/ Robert Orr

S/ Joseph Rankin

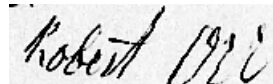
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Personally appeared in open Court Robert Orr Esquire who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith, That he became acquainted with Ezekiel Lewis (the present applicant for a pension) about the first day of August 1781, That at that time he belonged to a Light horse Company commanded by Captain William Campbell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lochery, That this deponent was then a Captain of a volunteer Company, and that he the said Ezekiel Lewis & this deponent were both taken prisoners below or about the mouth of the Big Miami on the Ohio River, That they were taken through some of the Indian Towns to Lower Sandusky where they were separated. That this deponent has been acquainted with the said applicant since that time that he is and has been an honest & up right man and is throughout his neighborhood believed to have been a revolutionary soldier & further this deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 18th day of September 1832

S/ Fredk Rohrer, Pro.

S/ Robert Orr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Orr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45.84 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the dragoons of the Pennsylvania militia.]