

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Forman Lewis
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[p2] Ohio Pittsburgh certificate 22.684
Peter Tallman, guardian for
Lewis Forman of Belmont County
Private under Captain Coleman 7 months
Issued 03Dec1833 @23.33/annum

[p4] State of Ohio
Belmont County

On the sixteenth day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of common pleas for aid county now sitting Lewis Forman by Peter Tallman his guardian, a resident of said County of Belmont aged between seventy six and seventy eight years of age and being too infirm of mind and destitute of memory to be examined on oath, the said guardian doth make the following declaration in behalf of said Forman in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the year 1778 or 1779 the said Lewis Forman who was then residing in Loudoun County Virginia went into the service of the United States, but under state officers, one James Coleman was along as officer but whether as Captain, major or colonel is not known by the applicant. The occasion of sd Lewis Forman entering the service was that his father was drafted and the son Lewis went as a substitute. He served this time three months.

That in the year 1781, said Lewis Forman again entered the service of the United States. His captain on this tour was a Wm Paine. He marched to Williamsburgh Virginia. He was gone on this tour three months. During this tour John Harper and Jacob Hughely who went with him at the same call deserted & returned home. Sd Lewis Forman was a great satirist and made their desertion a subject of his observations for a long time afterwards. He was drafted himself for this occasion.

That on another occasion said Lewis was absent in the service of the United States, it was said, for the purpose of guarding Burgoyne's troops. He was gone some forty days on this tour.

That at another time he was in sd service on the occasion when the people were called out en masse to resist the British that were moving up the Potomac but how long he was gone on this tour is unknown to this applicant.

That sd Lewis has recounted dome deeds of danger & difficulty in the tour to Williamsburgh, but it is not known that he was in any regular battles.

[p5 answers to interrogatories]

1-In Winchester Virginia

2-Nothing is known of a record of his age.

3-The sd Lewis lived in Loudoun County till 1805 & then moved to Belmont County Ohio and he now lives in Belmont County Ohio.

4-The sd Lewis was on the 1st tour above mentioned a substitute for his father. The other tours he was drafted or called out on sudden emergencies.

5-The applicant is not informed on these matters further than appears above.

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7-The applicant is known to John McPherson ____ who has known said Lewis from the period of his first tour and whose deposition as to the truth of the allegations herein contained is hereto annexed. He is also known to Mead Jarvis, Esqr and others.

The said Lewis by Peter Tallman his guardian (the said Tallman having been appointed by sd court on a jury of seven men finding his incapacity under a statute of Ohio) hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

[county certification and corroboration:

Peter Tallman, guardian

John McPherson, clergy

Gabriel Forrest, neighbor

Mead Jarvis, neighbor

George Sharp, JP

James Alexander, JP

John Davenport, JP

John C Tallman, deputy clerk

[p8 The synopsis by the pension office mentions a living witness, presumably John McPherson, whose annexed testimony is mentioned in the declaration. His testimony, however, is not contained in the file.]

Addenda to Lewis Forman S4679

By C. Leon Harris. 17 Feb 2014.

Wm Paine: William Paine or William Payne

Burgoyne's troops: captured at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781

Ohio Belmont County Ss John McPherson Esq'r & a Minister of the gospel being affirmed saith that at the time of the first tour of service of Lewis Forman above mentioned this deponent was between fourteen and fifteen years of age. That he has known said Lewis ever since, and that the allegations above set forth in the application of said Lewis by his s'd. guardian are true [signed] John McPherson
[16 Nov 1832]