

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Lewis S7139

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[Note: the pages in this file all badly scrambled.]

State of North Carolina Henderson County: On this 6th day of October 1832, I Reuben Phillips, and James Gordon two of the Acting Justices of the Peace of Anson County State of North Carolina at the House of Thomas Lewis he being very infirm was duly sworn by us according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832,

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War as a Private Soldier but the latter part of his time as Sergt [Sergeant], the year 1776 or 1777 but not recollected he believes he was twenty-three years of age at that time, That he is now eighty years of age the 29th day of September last 1832, agreeable to a register found in a Bible. That he was a resident of Wilkes County at that time in the State of North Carolina near the head of the Yadkin River & Mountains all his officers resided as he believes in the same County,

He was a Minute Man who served at every call under Captain Hargrove [probably Captain Francis Hargrove] but served under various officers against the British Tories & Indians he served seven years and as well as he now recollects which he believes was the end of the War, He served under the following named officers Colonel Benjamin Cleaveland [sic, Benjamin Cleveland] Major Hern [sic, Benjamin Hearn] Captain Hargrove [,] Henderson[,][probably Captain James Henderson] Jackson [probably Captain William Jackson] & Isbel [probably Pendleton Isbel] he marched under Captain Henderson crossed the Mountains to the three forks of New River after the Tories & Indians then marched back called in service a Tower [tour] of six months down at Fort Johnson he hired a Substitute & continued serving in the back country he marched to Criders [sic, Cryder's] Fort in Burke County under Captain Henderson to keep under the Tories & Indians the time stationed there not recollected marched back, Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] came with a Horse Company from beyond the Mountains New River as he believes in the State of Virginia to Wilkes County & joined Colonel Cleveland with his Horse & foot Company he believes 400 Men, his officers did not called on him & some others who had returned from a Tower of duty (Colonel Cleveland & Colonel Campbell marched against Forgason [sic Patrick Ferguson] the British Commander Stationed at King's Mountain & in an action with the British took 700 Prisoners British & Tories as he understood the number when

they returned to Wilkes County with them. Colonel Cleveland then called on those of the County, who did not go with him to King's Mountain to assist in guarding the Prisoners he with others turned out & marched under Captain Jackson with the Prisoners to Moravian Town a distance of about 90 miles crossed the Yadkin River at the Shallow Ford where it is said to be a quarter of a mile or more wide he with others of the guard & prisoners after marching 5 or 6 miles in the morning in the month of November passed through the River a part of it upwards of 3 feet deep as he supposes carrying their guns & [indecipherable word or words] thence to Moravian Town there stationed some time with Prisoners, after Prisoners were marched to Hillsboro he with others under Captain Isbell & Major Hearn marched to the Trading Ford on the Yadkin River & there stationed as a guard the time he continued then not recollected he states there was so many Tories in the County & the adjoining Counties those who were not of that class was obliged to be embodied & marching from place to place to keep them under, He states a distressing time as that was & served every call as he & others was obliged to do in the County & Adjoining Counties with the lapse of time that it would be impossible for him to relate the times called on places marched to & Transactions, the day Month or Year, He does not think he served longer at any one time than 2 or 3 months, the last year of the War he moved to Anson County in the same State he was soon called out by Major James Farr to go against the Tories on Drowning Creek about 60 miles distant Marched part of 2 days & there was news that they would not be wanting returned back to Anson County where he now resides in the same neighborhood, that he was not in any Battle he does not recollect seeing any officers of the Continental line will Soldiers he never received any pay for his services or a discharge as he now recollects he thinks it was not customary in the back Country at that time. He has no Papers to prove his services & knows of no person now living by whom he could & the distance from where he now resides to Wilkes County where he then resided & served it is supposed to be 150 miles which he could not think of going it so late a stage of life for evidence should there be any man now living by whom he could prove his services, by.

He 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,

S/ Thomas Lewis

Sworn to & subscribed day & date aforesaid

S/ Reuben Phillips, JP

Attest S/ J. Gordon, JP

[Joel Gulledge, a clergyman, Riley Smith and Aaron Copeland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Anson County: I William Treadgill one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid on this 9th Day of April 1833, swore Thomas Lewis according to law who is the above applicant & he on his oath states as the amendment of his Declaration for Pension that he served under Captain Henderson from Wilkes County crossed the Mountains to the three forks of the New River & back & before discharged served too [sic, two] Months & eight days after served under Captain Henderson from Wilkes County to Burke County to Crider's Fort there stationed for some time then back & before discharged served three months & seven days after marched under Captain Jackson from Wilkes County to Moravian Town guarding Prisoners to that place then under Captain Isbell & Major Hearn to the Trading Ford of the Yadkin there stationed short time as a guard then marched back before discharged served too [two] Months & ten days & that from the time of his entering the service to the close

of the War he believes was seven years he served every call of his officers but short Towers of service before discharged the number of times & the length service he cannot now recollect or the year when those services was rendered his Country,

Sworn & subscribed to the above date

S/ W. Treadgill, JP

S/ Thomas Lewis

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.10 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 7 months and 25 days of service in the revolution.]