

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Leonard S7141

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State of North Carolina Davidson County: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions May term 1834

On this 13th day of May 1834 personally appeared, in open court, before the Justices, the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting the same being a Court of record Jacob Leonard a resident of the United States in the County of Davidson and State of North Carolina aged 75 years the 16th day of last November 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 the 17th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served, as herein stated. He the said Jacob Leonard States that he volunteered his service as a soldier of the Revolution sometime in the first of July 1780 and immediately entered the service under Captain John Lopp, Lieutenant John Merrell & some other officers, but not recollected with a Company of light horsemen to attack and quell the band of Tories who had recently marched through this section of Country where he was, under the command of Colonel Bryan [sic, Samuel Bryant] the head of that band of Tories who were extending ruin wherever they marched which course was towards South Carolina. He the said Jacob Leonard states that he and his Company under the aforesaid Captain & other officers marched from his own Settlement (where they first organize) towards South Carolina in pursuit of the Tories down the Yadkin River & crossed said River at the Grassy Islands and entered South Carolina and were in and through that section the neighborhood of Lynches Creek in scout after the Tories & from thence back to North Carolina up through Montgomery, Randolph & Guilford Counties into Stokes County all of which time they were engaged in trying to subdue the Tories and from Stokes County they returned to Rowan County now Davidson County wherein he then resided and does now reside when he first entered the service and then was discharged after a service of about three months or the rise but he does not recollect whether he received a discharge or not. He the said Jacob Leonard further states that he was drafted in the first of the fall of 1781 as well as he now recollects and entered the service as a light horseman on the first of October 1781 under the command of Captain John Lopp, Lieutenant Joseph Cunningham^{or Cunigam} no other officer recollected at that time. They then marched for Wilmington North Carolina & before he reached Wilmington they passed Colonel Butler [John Butler] & his men, and also General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in his Regiment, and then arrived at or near Wilmington or perhaps a little North of said town where they remained some time under Major Smith [probably Colonel Robert Smith] & Major White [perhaps William White] of the light horse troops & from thence he marched with the said Company to Fayetteville after the British had vacated [evacuated] the post

of Wilmington on the account of Lord Cornwallis having previously surrendered. And from Fayetteville he marched up through the State in order to attack Colonel Fannon [sic, David Fanning] who was at the head of a band of Tories who murdered his the said Jacob Leonard's father and Frederick Fritz in the time of the said Jacob Leonard's absence from home on this tour and also they rifled the houses &c. The said Jacob Leonard further states that he and his company of light horsemen met with said Fannon and men and had a small skirmish in which they put the Tories to flight. And further states that he and his company marched up towards home where he and the other soldiers were discharged by Captain John Lopp after the second tour of three months or more making in the whole of his service six months or upwards, but he states that he will pass it for only six months service therefore he claims only for that length of time. He further states that he was not in any battle of great consequence only one about two miles of Wilmington at the brick house [November 15, 1781]¹ so called and that with Fanning & his gang of Tories.² He believes that he received his discharges but does not recollect whatever became of them. He further states that he has not any documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove his whole service. He the said Jacob Leonard further states that according to a record that he has of his age, that he was born where he now lives (in Davidson County) on the 16th day of November 1758 and has resided at the same place ever since until the present time and in said neighborhood in the place where he entered the service of the Revolutionary War as a Light Horseman both terms. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Leonard, L his mark

I David Lookabill³ residing in the County of Davidson hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Jacob Leonard who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration that I saw him in the service of the Revolution as a soldier of the Light Horse under Captain Lopp in the neighborhood of Wilmington and that I believe him to be 75 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that I concur in that opinion, and believes that he served as he states.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

S/ David Lookabill, O his mark

[Jacob Bodenhammer gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died January 27, 1835 leaving several children. The only child of the veteran named in the documents is Daniel Leonard, a son, identified as such in a letter sent from Lexington, Davidson County North Carolina April 5th 1880 claiming a small arrears of pension.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina State Troop.]

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brick_house.html

² J. D. Lewis lists a number of engagements between Fanning and the Whigs during the period of applicant's service. It is difficult to determine to which, if any, of these engagements veteran is referring.

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/NC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm

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