

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lednum S7142

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State of North Carolina Bertie County: Court of pleas & quarter sessions November term 1832 --

On this 15th day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions of Bertie County aforesaid, now sitting, John Lednum a resident of said County & State aged 78 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 as a soldier in the State Troops of North Carolina under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. -- He entered the Service under Colonel Heritage [sic, John Herritage] (he thinks his name was John Heritage) a field officer, Captain Caswell commanded the Company in which he served. The said John Lednum states that he cannot say with certainty in what year he entered the said service, nor in what month; but he thinks it was in the month of February in the year 1779. He states he served in the said State Troops for nine months from the term of his enlistment under his said officers Captain Caswell & Colonel Heritage -- He states that he was discharged at Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina by Colonel Heritage in the month of November or December following the term of his enlistment. He states that he was born in Bertie County NC and that Bertie County was his place of residence when he entered the service. He entered the said Service by enlistment as a volunteer at Kingston N. C.

He states that after his enlistment he was marched with the Regiment under Colonel Heritage to the town of Newbern [sic, New Bern] and was stationed at little out of the town, as the small pocks [smallpox] was prevailing there. He states that after remaining a short time near New Bern he was marched with the said Regiment to the Westward for the purpose of subduing the Tories who were said to be numerous in that part of the State. He states that after remaining at the West for some time he returned to Kingston with his said Colonel & his Regiment and was there discharged after having served nine months. The said John Lednum further states that his memory does not enable him to state with certainty the Counties & towns through which he was marched except as before stated. That he is impressed with a belief that he was marched to Hillsborough or Sallsbury [Salisbury] (he does not recollect which) where he was stationed a short time during this service. He thinks he was on the march to & from in pursuit of the Tories most of this 9 months service. He furthermore states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his said service -- after his discharge it Kingston the said John Lednum states that he returned to Bertie County his place of residence.

The said John Lednum further states that he was drafted as a militia man for three months service in the year 1779 sometime in the spring of that year. He was drafted in Bertie County his place of residence and placed under the command of Captain Solomon Cherry; Major \_\_ Pugh, whose Christian name he does not recollect, with the said Company under Captain Cherry to ~~head quarters at Six Mile Creek~~ from the said County of Bertie County to Tarborough NC thence to a place called Hugh Warry [sic, Uwharrie?] and thence to a place called Six Mile Creek where he was stationed with several other companies of militia from different parts of the Country; and placed under the command of a French General whose name he cannot recollect. Major Pugh before named was Brigade Major and next in command to the French General over the militia at that place. He states that he was quartered at Six Mile Creek until the term of his enlistment expired. He was often sent out on scouting parties in quest of the Tories some of whom were taken and carried to head quarters. It was said at the time, that 250 Tories were embodied near Moravian town, where the said let him went on a scouting party with about 300 militia man for the purpose of subduing & taking them. The Tories fled but were taken by the Virginia riflemen near were Rocky River who were out in pursuit of them at the same time. He states that at the expiration of this 3 months service he was discharged and returned to Bertie his place of residence. He also states that he does not know a solitary individual who served with him in this tour, now living, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to this term of service.

The said John Lednum further states that he entered the service on a 3rd tour of duty under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- viz. -- that he was drafted in Bertie County aforesaid for three months and entered the said service under Captain John Folk -- on Dempsey Cook was his Lieutenant -- General Gregory & Colonel Dozier were his field officers in Command. He states that he entered this service about the month of April in the year 1781 and that he left the same about the last of August or first of September in the same year and but a short time before the surrender of the British at Yorktown, Virginia. That he was in no battle during this term of service -- that he marched from Bertie County his place of residence to Winton in N. C. under the command of Captain John Folk before named and from Winton to a place called North West Bridge in Virginia where he was stationed. He states that he knew General Gregory & Colonel Dozier who were in command at North West Bridge and that he continued in the service at that place until the term for which he was drafted expired. He states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person except James Ward<sup>1</sup> who served in the same company with him, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ C. A. Rhodes, Clk

S/ John Lednum, X his mark

[John Ashburn & Daniel Pierce gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I, James Ward, residing in the County of Bertie North Carolina, hereby certify that I am well acquainted with John Lednum who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, and I believe him to be seventy-eight years of age -- I further certify that I know him to have been a soldier of the revolution, for that I served as a soldier and in the same company with him for three months in the year 1781 in the State of Virginia, as he has stated in the above declaration.

S/ James Ward

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S7819

The amended declaration of John Lednum, a Revolutionary Soldier, or a pension under the act of Congress of the United States of the 7th day of June 1832, made in August term of Bertie County Court 1833,

The said John Lednum appeared in Open Court and made Answers to the following interrogatories

Interrogatory 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- In Bertie County North Carolina, in the year 1754

Interrogatory 2. Have you any record of your age & where is it?

Answer -- My birth was recorded in a prayer book, which was afterwards sold at a sale and carried away.

Interrogatory 3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer -- I have always lived in Bertie County State of North Carolina, where I now reside except the time I was in the service.

Interrogatory 4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Answer -- I enlisted for one term of nine months, and was drafted for two terms of three months each as stated in my original declaration.

Interrogatory 5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & Militia Regiments as you may recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. My first term of service was under Colonel Heritage [sic, John Herritage], of the North Carolina State troops under whom I served 9 months, Captain Caswell & Lieutenant Needham Whitfield were officers in the Company in which I served -- I have no recollection of any Continental or Militia Regiments which were in the service at that time.

My 2nd term was under Major Pugh (whose Christian name is not recollected) under whom I served 3 months. Captain Solomon Cherry and Lieutenant Watford were Officers in the Company in which I served this tour. There were several companies of Militia stationed with his company at Six Mile Creek but the names of the Officers or not recollected.

My 3rd term of service was under General Gregory and Colonel Dosier under whom I served 3 months the Company Officers were Captain John Folk and Lieutenant Dempsey Cook. I do not recollect the names of any other officers in the Service at that time than those mentioned above.

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

Answer -- At the expiration of my first term of Service (say of nine months), I received a discharge from Colonel Heritage. At the expiration of my second term (say of three months) Captain Solomon Cherry gave me a discharge. And my third discharge I received from Lieutenant Dempsey Cook then in command of the Company, Captain Folk being absent, which was given by orders of Colonel Dosier. All three of these discharges were long since destroyed, as I did not know that they would be of any Service thereafter.

Interrogatory 7. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for integrity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. In addition to John Ashburn, Daniel Pierce and James Ward, I now add the

names of the Reverend Reuben Lawrence, James Rayner & Nathaniel Cullipher and also Benajah & John Nicholls, the 2 last were so very infirm that I fear they could not be induced to appear before this Court.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 14 August 1833

S/ Jon. S. Taylor, Clk

S/ John Lednum, X his mark

[[Reuben Lawrence, a clergyman, James Rayner & Nathaniel Cullipher gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for 15 months service in the revolution.]