

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lee S7144

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State of North Carolina, Halifax County: SS

On this 21st day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared before the Justices of the Peace of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Halifax & State of North Carolina, John Lee a resident of Halifax County & State of North Carolina aged 70 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 or '81 with Colonel Gideon Lamb (a recruiting officer) in the __ Regiment third Battalion North Carolina line under the following officers, Captain William Goodman & Major Blount [Redding or Reading Blount] & marched from Currituck County to Northwest River bridge in Norfolk County, Virginia, then to the South & joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] at Fort Thompson on the Santee River, then to the Eutaw Springs & was in the fight [Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]¹ at that place where his Captain, William Goodman was killed, then went into winter quarters at the high hills of Santee – during the summer he was doing duty with the Army in South Carolina & went into winter quarters at the round O in the same State, Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle] & Captain Bailey being his officers – the next summer he did duty with the Army in the same State & afterwards went into winter quarters at St. James Island near Charleston, under Captain Clem Hall [Clement Hall] – in July afterwards he was sent to Wilmington & there received a furlough & afterwards received a discharge from Lieutenant Lamb which he delivered to Colonel Ferebee² of Currituck County & has never seen it since – he resided in Currituck County, North Carolina, when he enlisted – he enlisted for the war. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ M. H. Pettway, Clk

John Lee, X his mark

[John H. Thrower and Allbritton Jones, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Halifax in the State aforesaid: John Lee who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith, that by

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

² [Samuel Ferebee S8466](#)

reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below in the following grade: for three years and six months I served as a Private Soldier and for such service I claim a Pension--

and the Deponent further swears that he knows not of any person now living that was with him in the service that he could obtain the Testimony of to prove what term he did serve in the Army: thinks he enlisted in the regular Army of the North Carolina line in January 1780 & was discharged in July 1783. Peace was proclaimed at our Camps in May 1783 – from the time I enlisted until I was discharged I was not at any time engaged in any other business than that of a Private Soldier – do not now recollect what time I was stationed at the different places mentioned in my first affidavit but knows well that I served as a Private Soldier the greater part of Four Winters & three Summers.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 31st day of March 1833.

S/ J. H. Thrower, JP

S/ John Lee, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Currituck County: SS

Personally appeared before me John B. Jones – a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Samuel Ferebee, Sr. -- aged Seventy-two years the 20th of last June, a man of credibility, who being duly sworn deposes and says that he was well acquainted with John Lee, until about the year 1786, that the said John Lee was in the service of the State of North Carolina as a Continental soldier for about three years as appears by an account in my possession proved by the oath of said Lee and certified to be true by Abner Lamb³ Lieutenant in first N. C. Regiment and by Selby Harney⁴ Lieutenant Colonel and that said Lee served some part of said time at North Witnessed in Virginia in the year 1781.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 27th of August 1833.

S/ Jno B. Jones, JP

S/ S. Ferebee



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State of North Carolina, Halifax County: SS

Personally appeared before me Cary Whitaker a Justice of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid, James Simmons aged about 74 years, a man of credibility, who being duly sworn deposes & saith: that he was well acquainted with John Lee & lived about 1 mile from him about the time he arrived to an age to bear arms, say about 16 years: that he has heard and believes (though he does not know it of his own personal knowledge) that there was a Mr. John Biggs, who lived near this deponent's father, through misconduct as a Tory was taken up & sentenced to be returned in the Continental service for some years or during the war, which, this deponent never understood, & Mr. Biggs having a family applied to the father of John Lee, as they were near neighbors, to hire John to go as a substitute in his room, & it was agreed on for John to go in Biggs' room, & Biggs went & delivered John to Colonel Gideon Lamb, the Colonel, I believe, of the 10th Regiment, & the Regiment not being in readiness to march, John Lee was ordered to go to North-West in Virginia, where the militia was stationed & do duty until

³ [Abner Lamb BLWt1314-200](#)

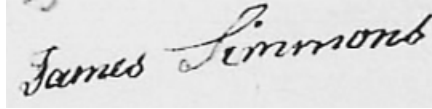
⁴ [Selby Harney BLWt1093-500](#)

the Regiment was ready to march & he did so, and served under James Phillips Captain, & partly under Captain Andrew Duke & this deponent then Lieutenant under Duke – under the command of General Gregory & when Lamb's Regiment was ready to march the above named John Lee went & joined them – and this deponent does not recollect ever seeing John anymore until the regular soldiers were discharged at the close of the war.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 19th day of August 1833.

S/ Cary Whitaker, JP

S/ James Simmons

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

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Lee a private in Martin's Company of the 2nd Regiment, enlisted in 1777 for three years, that he deserted 25th of December 1777, and was mustered again in January 1782, for the War, and that a warrant for his services was issued in 1784, for the full quantity of land allowed by law to a War Soldier.

Given under my hand (having no seal of Office) this 3rd day of June 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 21 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]