

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lemay S7147

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State of North Carolina County of Granville: SS

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting John Lemay a resident of the County aforesaid, aged seventy-three 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1777, the day on which he became 18 years of age with one Matthew Anderson & served in a Regiment which he thinks was called the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following officers: The name of his Captain was John Winston, of his first Lieutenant John Overton, of his 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant John Holland, of his Ensign Worsham or Orselom – that he enlisted for three years & served regularly until the expiration of his term of enlistment – that at the time of his enlistment he was a citizen of Hanover County State of Virginia in which County he enlisted – that the name of the Colonel he thinks was Charles Lewis & of his Lieutenant Colonel was Buford or Bluford [Abraham Buford] though he does not distinctly recollect his name – that he marched through Virginia northwardly to Colchester & Dumfries, at one of which places he was inoculated for the smallpox – that he then marched through Maryland, a part of Delaware & Pennsylvania and joined the main Army in Middlebrook in New Jersey in the year 1777 which he thinks was then under the command of General Washington – General Weedon [George Weedon] & Lord Sterling were general officers in the Army at that time – At that time the British forces lay at Brunswick on the Rainbow – shortly afterwards they left that station and as he understood sailed southwardly – this affiant was then marched northwardly through Morristown & into New York – after remaining there about two weeks the Army was marched southwardly through Trenton & Princeton (the Delaware was crossed at the former place), & remained about 2 weeks at a place called the X roads [Cross roads], & then continued on through Philadelphia – He was then marched into Delaware at or near a place called Wilmington, & continued there until the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], in which action this affiant was engaged. He recollects that in this action that George Holland above named was one of his company officers, but he has no distinct recollection of any others. He was under the immediate command in the action of General Weedon, Colonel Lewis and Colonel Buford or Bluford who were the only field officers he now recollects – He recollects that after the action he understood that General Lafayette was in the action & was wounded, but he did not see him & only speaks from the report at that time. – After the Battle of Brandywine, this affiant was marched towards Philadelphia, crossed the Schuylkill [River], & continued in the country North of Philadelphia

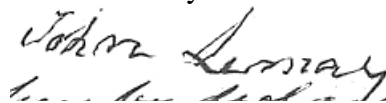
until the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], where this affiant was again engaged throughout the action under the same officers under whom he served at Brandywine. After the battle of Germantown the Army retreated into the country North of Philadelphia after some marches, this affiant was stationed at a place called White Marsh – he then marched to a place called the Gulph Mills & then to Valley Forge where the Army took up winter quarters. He continued at Valley Forge until June (as nearly as he recollects) in the year 1778. – He was then marched across the Delaware and was in the Army that was engaged at the action at Monmouth Court House [June 28, 1778], but he was not himself in the action. – At this time he thinks his company officers were the same, and that his Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Davis [William Davies], Colonel Lewis having resigned. His Regiment was now called he thinks the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment – He then was marched through New Jersey into the Highlands of New York. He recollects that John Johnson was one of his lieutenants at that time. After remaining in the Highlands some time, he was placed in a company of light infantry under the command of General Wayne. He recollects that Colonel Febecker, or Febecquer [Christian Febiger] a foreigner was one of his Field officers – Some months after he joined the light infantry he was in the action at Stony point [July 16, 1779] under the command of General Wayne – Of the officers that Stony Point he recollects Colonel Febequer or Febeckker, Colonel Fleury who, he thinks, commanded the forlorn hope & Major Stewart. He thinks his Captain was named Lawson – Lieutenant Knox was one of the company officers but this affiant does not recollect that he was in the same company with him. This affiant continued in the Army through the year 1779 in New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania until January 1780, when he received his discharge at Lancaster from Captain Winston. This affiant is not able to say what has become of his discharge. This affiant further saith, that he knows of no person living who served in the Army with him, or who can testify, to his actual service.

This affiant states, that in the foregoing declaration there may be some inaccuracies. His memory is in many instances uncertain as to facts, & in some cases altogether fails him – but as to the main facts in his statement (viz., his term of service, & the actions in which he was engaged he entertains the most distinct recollection – The whole declaration is true to the best of his knowledge & belief. –

In addition to the services detailed above this affiant before he entered the regular Army enlisted in what was called the minute service & served in the Eastern part of Virginia at or near a place called Hampton & was in that place on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1776 – During this time he served seven months. –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.  
Sworn to, & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Lemay



[Facts in file: Veteran died in Granville County North Carolina January 5, 1834: this file contains no family data other than a reference to an unnamed son residing in Granville County North Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This will Certify that John Lemay a Soldier in my Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment enlisted in the Continental Service the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1777 for the term of three years & having faithfully served the full term of his enlistment is now discharged in the service. Given under my hand at Lancaster this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1780.

S/ Jno. Winston, Capt. [John Winston]  
10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment

Agreeable to Muster  
S/ Ab. Crump, Comr.  
A Copy  
S/ W. Lyne, C. B. A.