

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lewis S7148

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State of North Carolina Surry County: SS

On this 14th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Worshipful County Court for the County of Surry now sitting William Lewis a resident of Wilkes County North Carolina aged seventy years, who first being 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 under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

In the spring of 1780 he served one month as a volunteer under Captain Robert Williams & went out to North Carolina after Tories in the latter part of spring or fore part of summer he was drafted into the company of Captain Burnet, this was the year 1780 – We were marched to Brunswick Virginia. We joined Colonel Holcomb's Regiment at what was called the Burnt Onery [Burnt Ordinary or Tavern] we remained stationed at Charlotte C. H. [Charlotte Court House] Virginia some time was discharged at Brunswick Virginia by Colonel Holcomb [perhaps a reference to Lieutenant Colonel John Holcombe] this tour was for three months. The discharge is lost. Again was drafted same year beginning of the fall into Captain Burnets Company, Joined the Major Brickly. We were marched to & fro part of the time were at the big Falls of Dan River (now Danville) thence we were marched to join General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. Was but little while with Wayne. Were discharged by Major Brickly this discharge is lost was for three months, in the February following 1781 was again drafted into Captain Burnets Company Joined Major Brickly in Charlotte County from Charlotte we was detached into the Regiment commanded by Colonel Purnell, Captain Pruit, were marched by way of Carter's Ferry on James River, thence on after the British on to Old Jamestown where we had an engagement [might be a reference to the action at Jamestown Ford, July 6, 1781], our Colonel was accidentally killed a few days previous by the carelessness of one of his own men. We were afterwards commanded by Colonel Holcomb. We followed up Cornwallis to York Town where he was captured [October 19, 1781] by General Washington he was then discharged by Colonel Holcomb. This discharge for six months & is lost. He resided at the time of his drafts in the County of Pittsylvania Virginia, resided there after the war until about fifteen years ago when he moved to Surry County North Carolina and has for a short time only lived in the edge of Wilkes County joining the line of Surry. He recollects that General Wayne, General Washington, General Muhlenberg & other Generals were at the siege of York Town – 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 any agency in

any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed this day & year above written.

S/ William Lewis, X his mark

Test S/ John Wright, Clerk

State of North Carolina Surry County: This day William Lewis Senior came before me Josiah Cowles a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he is the identical person who has sworn & whose name appears to the foregoing declaration that he was prevented from attending court last week & of procuring the attendance of a clergyman on account of high waters. That no other court is held in the County till August that he now declares that he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any Person by whom he can prove his service. He refers to the Reverend John Angel, a clergyman and William Burgiss a citizen of said County as to their opinion of his character & service.

Sworn to and subscribed this 20th day of May 1833.

S/ William Lewis, X his mark

[John Angel, a Baptist clergyman, and William Burgiss gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia militia.]