

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Laban Lindsey (Lindsay) S7153

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State of North Carolina Surry County

On this 6th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared before me Josiah Cowles a Justice of the County Court of Surry Laban Lindsey a resident of said County aged seventy-six 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. On or about the month of July 1780, he was drafted into Captain Bartlett Searcy's Company in the North Carolina militia as Orderly Sergeant, was ordered immediately on service, joined the Regiment under Colonel William Moore & Major Richard Cook. We were marched to Hillsboro thence to Salisbury, he was at 6 mile & 12 mile Creeks he was part of his time with General Davidson this tour was for four months, was gone from home something over, was discharged he thinks at 6 mile Creek by Captain Harrison under whose command he was part of his time. The next tour he was called out under the command of Captain James Lewis by orders of the Governor of North Carolina as a guard and to defend the neighborhood against the Tories who threatened the Governor's life he was engaged two months in this duty and carrying expresses, from April to June 1781 he was discharged at Wake C H by Captain Lewis & his discharge is lost. In the September following he was drafted into the company commanded by Captain William Hester who was taken sick & left us we were then under the command of Captain Blackwell, were marched from Granville C H to Ramsey's Mills Chatham County, from thence to Fayetteville (then called Cross Creek) thence within 11 miles of Wilmington against Tories, where news was brought that Cornwallis had capitulated, after holding a day of rejoicing we were discharged this tour he served as quarter master Sergeant the whole tour this discharge is also lost this tour was two months.

Question 1 by the Magistrate. Where & in what year were you born

Answer, July 14th in the year 1756

Question 2nd have you any record of your age and if so where is it --

Answer. I have none

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since & where do you now live.

Answer -- I was living in Granville County North Carolina from whence I moved to Surry where

I now live

Question 4th State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops with which you served Such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect & the General Circumstances of your service

Answer General Davidson, General Butler & Rutherford, DC believes were militia officers. His service was confined to the militia

Question 5th how were you called into service were you drafted a volunteer or a substitute & if a substitute for --

Answer. I was drafted the first & last tour the other I volunteered

Question 6th did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so where is it

Answer I received discharges each time as stated in the [indecipherable word] Declarations but all are lost

Question 7 State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your Services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer Tho. Wright, Jno Wright, Jno Angel & others

He relinquishes every claim whatever 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 this day and year aforesaid

S/ J. Cowles, JP

S/ Laban Lindsey

[John Angel, a clergyman, and Thomas Wright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Surry County: This day came John Watkins¹ before me Josiah Cowles one of the acting Magistrates of Surry County and made oath in due form of law that he was formally well acquainted with Laban Lindsey, that he served a four month tour with him in the Revolutionary War under Colonel Will Moore, that he knows of his service for four months, he recollects it was in the year of Gates Defeat, he lived close by him & he was gone some other times & it was said and believed that he was in the Army, he also states as his belief that said Lindsey acted as Orderly Sergeant. Sworn to and subscribed this first November 1832 before me
S/ J. Cowles, JP
S/ John Watkins, X his mark

State of North Carolina Surry County: This day came lay been Lindsey the identical same person who has made and sworn to the foregoing declaration and made oath in due form of law and explanation of the same that he served as stated, received discharges as stated which are lost, he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person but John Watkins who lives in Granville 150 miles distant who can prove any part of his service, he happened in this County last spring and his deposition was taken as collateral not a final testimony as to his service, his integrity is unquestionable but the Magistrate not being acquainted with him could not certify as to his character.

Sworn to and subscribed this 24 day of August 1833

S/ J. Cowles, JP

S/ Laban Lindsey

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service in the revolution.]

¹ I think this is testimony given by [John Wadkins \(Watkins\) S11662](#)