

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Todd S7736

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County: August term Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On this 27 day of August 1832 personally [appeared] in open court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting, Lewis Todd, aged 69, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

The Regiment was under command of Colonel Joseph Clinch, and the company was commanded by Captain Edwd. Clinch [Edward Clinch] with William Hale [could be William Hall] Lieutenant. He entered the Service in October or November 1778 – and was discharged in April 1779. He resided at that time in Edgecombe County North Carolina. The Regiment embodied and marched through the Southern part of North Carolina passed into South Carolina and pursued the enemy across the Savannah River into Georgia and meeting them at Brier [sic, Briar] Creek engaged them at Briar Creek, under the command of General Ashe [John Ashe]. After the defeat at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]<sup>1</sup> the troops were collected at Purysburg and subsequently discharged.

In a month or two – say December 1779 – he was drafted in a company commanded by Captain Fred Bell [Frederick Bell], John Batts Lieutenant – this company belonged to the Regiment under command of Colonel James Shepard [James Shepherd] with \_\_\_ Lanier [?] Lieut. Col. He was ordered to Charleston and remained there during a part of the Siege, was discharged in April 1780.<sup>2</sup>

In September 1781 or 2 he volunteered in a Cavalry Company commanded by Major Joseph Clinch and went out in the neighborhood of Fayetteville where he was put under the immediate command of Captain DuKoine [John DeCoin] and Lieut. Dixon and pursued the Tories taking prisoner their Captain. After remaining on this duty three or four months, he was discharged.

Sworn to & subscribed.

S/ Lewis Todd



<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

<sup>2</sup> Charleston fell to the siege of Sir Henry Clinton's British Army on May 12, 1780.

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I Henry Lancaster<sup>3</sup> of the County of Edgecombe and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I was in the service from October 1778 to April 1779 with Lewis Todd and believe the facts stated in the above declaration to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to

S/ Henry Lancaster

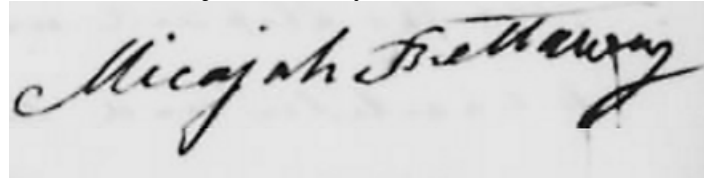
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Lancaster".

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I Micajah Pettaway<sup>4</sup> of the County of Edgecombe NC do hereby certify that I was in the service with Lewis Todd as set forth by him in the two last paragraphs of his declaration and believe the facts stated by him to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to

S/ Micajah Pettaway

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Micajah Pettaway".

[Attested by Michael Hearn, clerk of Court.]

[p 10: Thomas Dupree and Jordon Sharod gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County: April 22, 1833

Personally appeared before me Henry Austin Justice of the Peace in and for said County Lewis Todd who being duly sworn doth depose & say --

That he was born in Bertie County in the year 1763. He has no record of his age – his father having died when he was young and thinking never to be called upon to furnish such a record he failed to preserve it if he ever had one. He refers to the certificate of Henry Lancaster and Micajah Petway who served with him which certificates were regularly proven before the Court in August last. He did not procure the evidence of [a] clergyman at the time but herewith appends the certificate of Thomas Dupree & Jordan Sherod. His length of service, embracing three tours, included 14 months as a private for which he claims a pension.

S/ Lewis Todd

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ H. Austin, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$49.16 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia for 14 months some time as an infantryman and some time as a cavalryman.]

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<sup>3</sup> [Henry Lancaster S7131](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Micajah Pettaway \(Petway, Pettway\) S3668](#)