

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Howell Lesly (Howel Lashley) S8825

fn20NC[sic, VA]

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State of North Carolina Moore County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On this 20th day of August 1833 virtually appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of the County of Moore, now sitting – Howell Lashely, a resident of the County of Moore, in State of North Carolina, aged 72 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 the 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated (to wit)

That he entered the service as a volunteer in the latter part of July or first of August about the year 1778, under the command of Captain Lawrence Smith, belonging to the Regiment commanded by General Nelson -- That he enlisted in the County of Sussex -- & State of Virginia, he then marched under the command of Captain Smith to Williamsburgh, where he remained a few days & then marched to Yorktown, -- after being stationed there for some time was discharged & obtained leave to go home having served a tour of three months. This declarant further states that he lived a few months after this tour in the State of Virginia & removed into the State of North Carolina & County of Warren where he lived between two & three years, when he was drafted, entered the Continental service in February 1781 under the command of Captain George Nazra & Lieutenant John Green, the company rendezvoused at Warrenton in Warren County and then commenced their march through Granville County, Hillsboro Orange County & then to Guilford County, where they joined the Regiment commanded by General Gates<sup>1</sup> a few days before the battle in Guilford County, after remaining in camp 2 or 3 days we were attacked by the enemy -- with Cornwallis at their head & Colonel Tarleton commander of the troops the engagement commenced early in the morning by an attack made by Colonel Tarleton against our troops commanded by Colonel Washington, which was soon followed by the line under the command of Cornwallis when they succeeded in putting to rout the North Carolina Regiment -- After this battle this declarant saith that he marched to Ramsey's ferry in Chatham County in the Regiment commanded by General ~~Greene~~ Butler [John Butler] where we remained

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<sup>1</sup> Veteran obviously confused General Horatio Gates with General Nathaniel Grain. Gates turned over command of the Southern Department of the Continental Army to Greene at Charlotte on December 2, 1780. Greene was the commanding officer at the battle of Guilford in which the veteran states he fought.

about 2 weeks when part of the Regiment under the command of Colonel Greene went in pursuit of Cornwallis after this we marched to Crabtree in Wake County where we were all regularly discharged = That he obtained a written discharge from the commanding officer but it has been lost, -- he is unable to state by whom it was signed on account of the frequent change of the officers after the battle in Guilford -- that he served in this tour three months, that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, except Solomon Arold<sup>2</sup> who served with him part of the time during his service and whose affidavit is hereunto annexed. That there is no clergyman residing in the neighborhood whose certificate he can procure as to his sustained a fair character.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ Howell Lasly, X his mark

[Joseph Thomas & Jacob Gaston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following answers were given by the above named applicant to the questions put by the court as prescribed by the War Department

Answer to Q 1<sup>st</sup>

I was born I believe about the year 1761 in the County of Sussex Virginia

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> I have no record of my age & derived a knowledge of my age by persons raised with me to have a record of their age

Ans 3 I was living in the County of Sussex Virginia when called into service = 11+ years in Warren County North Carolina & 26 in the Wake County -- 14 years in Moore County where I now live

Ans 4 I volunteered in the service in Virginia in North Carolina I was drafted --

Ans 5 -- The answer to the 5th interrogatory is more fully exposed in my declaration

Ans 6 -- I received a discharge -- but do not recollect by whom it was given & not believing I would ever need it I misplaced it

Ans 7. I believe that any of my neighbors would testify as to my character but there are none present except those whose certificates are procured.

State of North Carolina Moore County

I Solomon Arnold do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Howell Lashly who has sworn to the above declaration -- that I knew him to serve a tour of 3 months in the North Carolina Continental service in the year 1781 -- as he stated in his declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed this 20th day of August 1833 in open court

S/ Solomon Arnold

Test: S/ A. C. Curry, Clerk

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service in the revolution.]

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<sup>2</sup> Sic, [Solomon Arnold W12208](#)