

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lewis S8827

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State of Virginia Culpeper County SS

On this 15 day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Culpeper County now sitting William Lewis a resident of said County and State aged 69 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the County of Culpeper Virginia on the 8th of April 1763 agreeably to the family register now in his possession where he has lived ever since.

That he first entered the service about the last of June 1779 under Lieutenant Daniel Palmer and marched to Albemarle Barracks to guard prisoners – that he was there upwards of two months – that Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor] Commanded the Regiment & Major Roberts the Battalion other officers were Ensign Slaughter, Samuel Purvis &c – That in the year 1780 he was again in the service as a drafted Private under Captain Fisher Rice & Lieutenant John Blakey and marched under Colonel Slaughter – that near Fredericksburg he was countermanded and returned. That he had credit for a full tour for that service, but does not recollect the length of said service. The shortest tour then he thinks was two months.

That in the year 1781 first July he was drafted and marched under Captain A. Bohannon [probably Ambrose Bohannon] Lieutenant James Murray Ensign Littleton Taylor to Maborn Hills [Malvern Hills] below Richmond where he joined the main Army. The officers were Colonel Edmonds, Lieutenant Colonel Slaughter and Major Beale General Stevens'[Edward Stevens]' Brigade – That he marched about to different points and was discharged at or near Williamsburg making about three months service.

That he was not again in service. That he can prove the above service by Z. Griffin, Julius Hunt, George Corbin and John Crut [John Crute].

He hereby 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 or territory. Sworn to, and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Lewis [not actual signature]

We Zachariah Griffin and Julius Hunt residence of the County of Culpeper Virginia hereby certify that we have known William Lewis who subscribes the above Declaration ever since the revolution and before, that we know of his having performed the service he speaks of at Albemarle Barracks having been a part of the time with him there, that we further heard of his

being in the service at the times and consider him entitled to the fullest credit in what he states.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day.

S/ Z. Griffin [not actual signature]

S/ Julius Hunt, X his mark

[Isaiah Welch and Daniel Triplett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And the Court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to the applicant he being under oath and which he answered as herein after stated viz.:

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in Culpeper County Virginia on the 8 of April 1763 –

Quest. 2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have a family register in which my name stands

Quest. 3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived ever since and where do you now live.

Answer. I have said I was born in Culpepper County Virginia & have never lived anywhere else.

Quest. 4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a substitute for whom –

Ans. I was drafted every time I was in service –

Quest. 5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you in the service such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Ans. I knew Lafayette, Muhlenberg, Stevens, Colonel Dark, Colonel Mathews in addition to those mentioned in my declaration. The circumstances of my service I have stated in my Declaration

Quest. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it –

Ans. I never received a discharge in writing but was discharged in Companies or regiments –

Quest 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution –

Ans. I believe I am known to the Court and certainly nearly all the elderly men in the County – I have proved my services by the certificates of Zachariah Griffin, Julius Hunt for veracity Isaiah Welch & Daniel Triplett and for my character the court will please inquire of any man in sight –

State of Virginia Culpeper County SS

On this 27th day of February 1833 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared William Lewis of said County and State and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that in making the declaration for a pension which was done in the County Court of Culpeper on the 15th August 1832, he did not recollect to a day the precise time of some of the tours, and that he used "about" &c to avoid error – That the tour at Albemarle Barracks was as he states for upwards of two months – That he supposed the second tour (to Fredericksburg) would rate, as it did at the time as a full tour and therefore stated it as he did – That to the best of his recollection it was at least one month – That the third tour in 1781 was three months or more. That it frequently happened that troops were detained some weeks till relieved by fresh troops – That this happened in that tour and he is positive that he was in service for three months – That his whole service amounted to full six months actual service.

There is no clergyman resides in his immediate vicinity or indeed in 6 or 8 miles of him.
Given under my hand this 27th of February 1833.
S/ Thomas Hill, JP

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