

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hardy Lewter S8839

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State of North Carolina Chatham County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace of the Court aforesaid, now sitting, Hardy Lewter a resident citizen of the County of Chatham & State of North Carolina, aged 88 or 89 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, (To wit) under Benjamin Seawell as Colonel and Henry Bunn & Joel Sherwood Captains, in the militia Service in the year 1779. That he was a drafted Soldier & soon after the declaration of Independence in the Revolutionary War, several of his neighbors were drafted, & some enlisted. That at the time he was drafted to serve as a soldier in the Militia he was a resident citizen of North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County State of North Carolina, that in the year 1779 or early in the spring he was drafted and immediately entered in the militia service of the Revolutionary War, and did serve two tours, or two different Campaigns. That in his first Tour he served five months faithfully under the above named Captains Bunn & Sherwood and Benjamin Seawell Colonel and was honorably discharged by General Sumpner [sic, Jethro Sumner?], at the end of five months. That he served a second Tour of between four & five months under Captain Horn in the year 1781 in all or both tours of service was nine months & upwards (but say nine months), under Colonel Seawell & General Sumpner, (to the best of his knowledge & belief). That he was again honorably discharged by General Sumpner, by an honorable written discharge, on both tours of service -- which discharges he has been deprived of by his House being accidentally burnt together with all the discharges & many other papers & things he lost many years ago -- while he lived in Northampton County. That soon after he was drafted, he was marched into the State of Virginia across Meherrin & Nottoway Rivers: to and through the Town of Petersburg on Appomattox River, to Richmond on James River but was not engaged in any memorable battle, or skirmish with the British or Tories. The name or number of regiments he cannot now recollect that he served and; but well knows that he was on both tours honorably discharged by General Sumpner. --

That he knows of no other documentary evidence, but that of his discharges, which was

burnt as aforesaid by which he can substantiate his claim, except the affidavit of one Norman Mills who has the best knowledge of his services & of his being a soldier as aforesaid, the said Mills being a neighbor of his at that time & at present time also, which affidavit he has obtained & here with transmits with this declaration, together with such further affidavits as he may consider of any service to him, in the investigation of his claim for a pension, which if obtain he cannot want long being now of the age of 88 or 89 years --. That upon his being discharged in the State of Virginia he returned home to his then residence in North Hampton County State of North Carolina and resided there until the year 1797, when he removed into Chatham County State aforesaid when & where he has resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension list roll of the agency of any State or United States. –

Witness S/ Martin Lewter

S/ Hardy Lewter

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[David Sauls and Bias Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Chatham County: Personally appeared before the subscribers acting Justices of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Naman Mills¹ [sic] who being first duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that he is well acquainted with Hardy Lewter who was to his knowledge a Militia Soldier in the War of the Revolution. That he lives in the County of Chatham & State aforesaid & has resided there for upwards of 30 years past and who was a resident before that time in Northampton County North Carolina where they also lived near each other. That the said Hardy Lewter & himself both were in the drafted Militia from the County of North Hampton, and well knoweth that the said Hardy Lewter served 5 months in his first Tour of service in the year 1779 in the War of the revolution, and that soon after he served a second tour of between 4 & 5 months or thereabouts in the year 1781 -- and that he always understood and does believe that the said Hardy Lewter was honorably discharged by General Sumpner, and the Town of Halifax State of North Carolina, or in the State of Virginia, as well as he can now recollect.

Sworn to & subscribed before us this 6th day of November 1832

S/ David Sauls, JP

S/ Nawman M[cut off]

S/ M. Lewter, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 9 months service in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Naaman Mills S9417](#)