

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lumsden S8871

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: SS

On the 19th day of July A.D. 1832 personally appeared before a Special Court of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Cumberland & State aforesaid John Lumsden a resident of the town of Fayetteville County & State aforesaid aged 74 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the American Army as a volunteer for 12 months in a place called Valley Forge in the State of New Jersey [sic] & was placed in the 9th Regiment of Virginia troops commanded by Colonel Ball [Burgess Ball] & Colonel Parker [perhaps Josiah Parker of the 5th Regiment], the officers of the Company to which he belonged were Captain John Fauntleroy Lieutenant Overton & Steel. That Captain Fauntleroy¹ was killed at the battle of Monmouth Court House N. J. [June 28, 1778]. This was in the year 1778 that he served out the tour of twelve months. After this he served a tour of 5 months as a private soldier in Colonel Stevens' [Edward Stevens'] Regiment which was attached to General Gates [Horatio Gates] division, that he was in the battle near Camden South Carolina when General G was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. He then served a tour of three months during which time he bore the Commission of Ensign during which time he was with the Army under General Washington & was at Yorktown when Lord Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781].

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

S/ John Lumsden



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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: June Term of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the said County & State Present the Worshipful Esek Arnold, Daniel Baker & John Averitt Justices of said Court.

¹ Capt. Henry Fauntleroy of the 5th Virginia Regiment was killed at Monmouth. John Fauntleroy was not killed in that engagement.

On this 8th day of June A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the Court aforesaid John Lumsden a resident of the Town of Fayetteville County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-four years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in addition to his declaration made at March Term last of said Court. That he served as therein stated Twelve months in the Company commanded by Captain John Fauntleroy which was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonels Ball & Parker, this he believes was in the year 1778, during this service he was a private soldier. He again entered the service as a substitute for man named Kendrick in the Company commanded by Captain Stubblefield which was attached to Colonel Stevens Regiment during this service he was appointed Forage Master by Colonel Stevens & served five months, that during this service he was in the Battle of Camden South Carolina where General Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], this he believes was in the year 17___. He again entered the service as a volunteer in Captain Samuel O. Pettis Company & was elected Ensign of the company and served as such three months that Captain Pettis' Company was attached to Colonel Winston's Regiment this service was performed in the year 178_ making in all one year and eight months which he served during the Revolutionary War for which he claims a pension. And he further declares that he knows of no surviving comrade who can testify to his service during either of the terms which he performed as above specified. And he further declares that he has no other evidence of his having served as an Ensign for three months as above stated than his own oath. He being elected by the company of volunteers to which he belonged and received a Commission as such from the County Court of Loudoun though he performed the service as above specified. And he further states that he has lost or mislaid his commission so that he cannot find it.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test: S/ D. McDiarmid, Clk

S/ John Lumsden

the following Answers were returned to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

1st I was born in the County of Hanover State of Virginia in the year 1758

2nd. I have no record of my age except in my own Bible which was copied from my Father's Bible by myself.

3rd. I was living in Louisa County Virginia where I continued to live with the exception of occasional absences in the State of South Carolina & Georgia until the month of January 1790 when I removed to the Town of Fayetteville where I have lived ever since & now live.

4th. The first Tour of 12 months I was a Volunteer. The second Tour of five months I was a substitute for man named McKendric [sic]. The last tour of three months I was a volunteer.

5th. I have answered this Question as fully as I can in my Declaration.

6th. If I received any discharge in writing I do not now recollect. I have already answered the remaining part of this Question in my Declaration.

7th. I would mention in addition to those who have testified to my character & my reputation as a Revolutionary Soldier Messrs. Lewis D Henry, John McRae Esquire, post Master & the Honorable Lauchlin Bethune. I might refer to most of my fellow Citizens.

8th. Do you know of any person who can testify to your service in the Army of the revolution
Ans. I do not.

9th. Have you any proof of your service as Ensign except your own Declaration
Answer. I do not.

And the said Court do hereby certify that the foregoing Amended Declaration was made before them & also the foregoing answers returned the Declarant having been first duly sworn.

S/ Esek Arnold, JP

S/ Daniel Baker, JP
S/ John Averitt, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$86.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Ensign in the Virginia service for 20 months.]