

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Leonard Critzer S9251

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia }
Harison County } to wit

on the 22nd Day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before William A Thayers[?] Wm. Martin Jacob Coplin & Joseph Johnson the Court of Harrison County now sitting Leonard Critzer a resident of Booths Creek Harrison County and state aforesaid aged seventy three years who being first duly sworn 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 that he entered the service in March 1776 in the County of [blank] State of New Jersey in the Company commanded by Cpt Groonenkike marched from thence to Amboy thence to Straten Island [sic: Staten Island NY] was engaged in building a Fort on said Island does not recollect the name of any field officer but recollects the name of Cornelius Carheart [Cornelius Carhart] who commanded a company at the same place from thence returned to Amboy and discharged which discharge has since been lost or destroyed having served one month

In the fall following he reentered the service under Cpt. C Caerheart Marched to Elizabeth Town was commanded by Lieut Colonel Berry and Colonel Mehelum was discharged at the end of one month

Soon after he was again called into the service in the Company of Cpt Groonenkike Marched to Elizabeth town thence to Stratten Island returned to Elizabeth town and discharged

Soon after he again entered the service under Cpt. Jacob Caerheart or Kearheart [Jacob Carhart] marched to Elizabeth town thence to Pumpton [probably Pompton Plains NJ] thence to peramus [sic: Paramus] Meeting house commanded by Colonel Taylor discharged having served one month

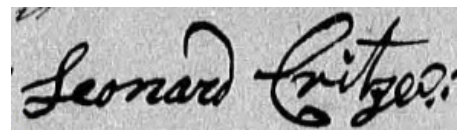
Some time after he again entered the service commanded by Cpt Adam Hope marched to Elizabeth town thence to Newark and returned to Elizabeth town and discharged having been under the command of Colonel [Frederick] Frelinghuysen one month

In May 1778 he enlisted for nine months under Cpt Ross Lieut Clark Ensign Horsey and joined the army at Trenton commanded by Gen Wm. Maxfield [sic: William Maxwell] 3rd Jersey Regt. Col Elias Dayton Lieut Col Barbour [sic: Francis Barber] Majr Joseph Bloomfield. Marched from Trenton to Mount holly remained there untill the British evacuated Philadelphia [18 Jun 1778] thence to Crosswicks Bridge was engaged in a skirmish with the British thence to Trenton thence to Maidenhead Meeting house thence to Monmouth Court house fought the battle at that place on the 28th Day of June 1778 from thence to Elizabeth town was discharged the last day of Feb 1779 on the following morning attacked by the enemy and drove them into their boats and left the service and returned home obtained an honorable discharge which has since been consumed by fire together with all his other effects

The following May he again entered the service under Cpt — Hope and Col Taylor Marched to Elizabethtown remained there six months and discharged The Corps was styled the flying Camp obtained a discharge which was also destroyed by fire as above described

In the following year he again entered the service as a waggoner attached to Samuel Hunts waggon Brigade and served in that Capacity one year obtained a discharge that was also burnt Sworn to before me this 22 Day ag't. 1832

Sam'l. Kemble J.P.



We Hamilton Goss and Matthias Winters residing in the County of Harrison aforesaid hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the above named Leonard Critz who has subscribed and sworn to

the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy three years of age that he is respected; and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Hamilton Goss [signed] Mathias Winters

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the Investigation of the matter and after putting the questions prescribed by the war department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the Court further states that it appears to them that Hamilton Goss Clergyman and Matthias Winters who have signed the foregoing certificate are residents of the said County of Harrison are both credible persons and that their stament is entitled to full faith and credit

[signed] Jacob Coplin

War Department/ Pension Office, 27th Feb. 1827

Sir [Nathan Goff], I herewith return Mr. Leonard Critser's letter to you, and have to inform you, that his statement in regard to his service in Col. Dayton's regiment, is corroborated by the rolls in this Department; but he is not entitled to any monthly pay for his services, as all such claims are barred by the act of limitation. I have the honor to be/ Very respectfully/ Yr. Obt. Sert.

J. L. Edwards [James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions]

[On 19 Nov 1832 Critzer was issued a certificate for a pension of \$63.33 per year for 19 months service.]

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications in present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote "Entitled" in this report.]

Leonard Critzer draws \$63.^{33/100}

Mr. Critzer says he is in his 76th year of age was raised in New Jersey & lived there until he was 32 yrs old – in March 1776 he substituted in the place of Joseph Little and marched under Capt Granandike from Lebanon township to Amboy, then to Statten Island and back to Amboy (there were about 100 men –) and was then discharged having been in service one month.

In June or July 1776 was drafted & marched from same place under Capt. Cornelieus Cohart to Elizabeth town Staid there for the tour. one month.

In the fall of the same year, was drafted again Marched from same place to same place & remained for one month. was under Capt Jacob Cohart.

In the Spring April 1777 was drafted again and marched from same place to Peramus Meeting house, under Capt. Adam Hope this was a tour of one month

In the fall of the same year 1777 was drafted again & marched from same place under Capt Granandike to Elizabeth town – this was also a monthly tour.

In the year 1778 he volunteered for nine months & marched from Pottstown under Capt. John Ross to Trenton then joined Gen'l. Maxwells brigade. Col. Elias Dayton's Regt. the 3rd Jersey Regt. Barber was Lieut Col. Joseph Bloomfield Major. Shepherd [sic: Samuel Shepard] adjutant.. Served out the tour of nine months & got his discharge

In the year 1779 he enlisted in Lebanon township under Capt Adam Hope for 6 mo. in the flying camp marched to Elizabeth town. remained there for the six months.

Jos. Johnson wrote his declaration – made to him the same statement he now makes – gave him \$15–

In Witness that this statement contains the truth I hereto subscribe my name.

Witness N Goff [Nathan Goff].

Leonard Critzer

Note. this is an Honest man – a rare commodity in this region. W. G. Singleton/ Nov. 20 1834

War Department/ Pension Office/ April 10 1835

Sir [Nathan Goff Esqr./ Clarksburg Va.]:

Leonard Critzer has either fallen into a very great error in relation to service, or has claimed service never performed.

He alleges among other services to have performed one months service in June or July 1776 in New Jersey and one month in the fall of the same year. He also claims for six months service in the year 1779 in the flying Camp.

The corps called the flying Camp was raised in 1776 and served from June to December five months. You will readily perceive the discrepancy in his statement Both of these services here named could not have been performed, and the presumption is, that the latter is wrong.

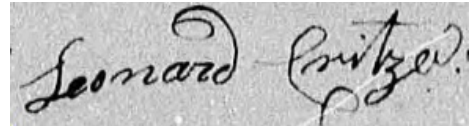
Before issuing a new certificate therefor, I have thought proper to give you this statement.

I am Respectfully/ Your obt Servant

J L Edwards

Harrison County Ss

This day Leonard Critzer named within personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for said County, – and makes oath in due form of law, – that he actually done the whole service set forth in his original declaration, – he is confident as to the length of time he was in service, – but may be mistaken as to dates, – and very likely is, – he states he cannot be mistaken as to the 6 months service represented and mentioned in the annexed Letter, – he volunteered or enlisted (dont know which is the proper name) for 6 months and marched to Elizabeth town in New Jersey and continued there & in that region until he was discharged, Colonel Taylor his Commandant & Capt Hope, – the soldiers called it the flying camp – , (its likely it was not the proper name) They were to go where ever they were ordered, – he had a discharge for this 6 months tour, it was burnt when his house was burnt, – he further states that he never was in [illegible word] called the Flying Camp in the year 1776 – that all the services he done in 1776 was in monthly Towers, – he is confident that the above 6 months tour was done in the year 1779



Sworn to & subscribed before me Jas. Reed J.P. May 19th 1835

I also certify that Leonard Critzer (above) is a man of good character & is to be believed when on oath or otherwise

Jas. Reed J.P.

Clarksburg May 19th 1835

We the under signed are acquainted with, the within named Leonard Critzer, and do not know of any person who stands higher in the Community, than he does, – as a man of truth & correct principals – We do not believe he would make an incorrect statement for the purpose of getting a pension

[15 signatures including those of the following:]

E S Duncan is judge of our Superior Court of Law & Chancery, – Wm P Goff Senator of the State, – D Kincheloe, – Member of the House of Rep's D. Davisson, Clerk of the County Court, – Wm Williams Post Master of this place, and all the persons signatures annexed are persons of good characters.

[signed] Nathan Goff

Clarksburg May 20th 1835

J L Edwards/ Com'r of Pensions

Sir Leonard Critzer whom the enclosed papers relates to, I have been acquainted with ever since I was a child, – and I have never known a person of more stern integrity in my life, – he says he knows his statement to be correct as to the length of time he served – that he would not deviate from what he has stated, as he knows it to be true, – were he doing so to procure him all the pension money in the United

States,— I think he is mistaken as to the name of his Campaign 1779 – but have no doubt but that he done the service,— I am yours &c [signed] Nathan Goff

Clarksburg Oct 27 1835

James L Edwards/ Com'r of Pensions

Sir, Leonard Critzer person of this County (Harrison) who was suspended with the general mass of suspensions [in Harrison and Lewis counties pending Singleton's investigation], and was afterwards reamitted by you and his pension paid at Richmond up to Last March,— has this Fall sent on his power of Att'y to draw his pension from the 4th of March to the 4th Sept 1835 and has been informed that his pension is suspended &c —, I suppose it to be a mistake of the new agent at Richmond, that he has looked at the old Suspension, and not noticed that he was reamstated,— I wish you would informe the agent, that he has been remstated,—

The agent also refuses to pay Jonathan Hewes's [sic: Jonathan Hughes, pension application S9591] pension,— says Hewe's name as it stand on his book is spelt Hughes,— and in the Power of Atto Hewes – it is speled in the pension Certificate Hewes – which Corrrisspnds with the speling in the power of atto I hope you will direct the agent also to pay Hewes's pension,—

Shall I never be done with the pensioners

In haste/ yours Nathan Goff

[The handwriting in the following letter is nearly undecipherable. The transcription is my best attempt.]

Clarksburg Va/ 1^s July 1852

J E. Heath Esqr/ Com'r of Pensions

Dear Sir, How is this, I have been drawing pension for a number of years, – The pension Agent at Wheeling has Just returned me a pension Voucher Sent him by me, withe the Following Memorandm on it, “The heirs must apply boath at the Same time”. The Case is This, Leonard Critzer, Late pensioner of our County, died Leaving 2 Daughters one Living here the other in the State of Ohio, I Reccollect the pension papers in due form, have all the proper orders of Court &c &c – The daughter Living here executed her poe of Attory for the purpos of drawing her Majity [moiety?] Small a bout \$15— I Sent the power of Atto'y. to the Ageny at Wheelg, it has been returned with the above Memeradum – How is it, I have heretofore drew pensons in the same way, That is a Childs portion, – has the department Changed its practice, if not, I disire the agent at Wheelg to be directed to pay, &c &c – as I do not want the trouble of Making aut annother set of papers – I hope you will direct G. S. Thompson, to pay &c – Please Answer. Very Respectfully/ yours &c [signed] Nathan Goff

Pension Agency/ Wheeling Sep 20, 1852

J E Heath Esq

Dear Sir I enclose an enquiry made of me by Nathan Goff in reference to arrears of pension due Leonard Critzer a pensioner under Act 7 June 1832

One of the two children applied for arrears – I sent the application back stating that both of them must apply at once and that the certificate must be surrendered.

Was I right? please return Mr Goff letter.

Very respectfully/ Your obedient servant
Geo S Thompson/ Pen Agt