

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lee S9372

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State of South Carolina District of Fairfield}

On this twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared John Lee now a resident of the District of Fairfield, in the State aforesaid, aged its seventy three 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was received as a substitute for his father William Lee in the Company then commanded by Captain Joseph Warley 3rd Regiment of South Carolina Rangers, then commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson] in the year (as well as deponent can recollect) 1778.

That Deponent has no record of his age, and judges his age from memory and information received at an early age.

Deponent was born in Richland District in the State of South Carolina.

The deponent was living in Georgia where his father had removed and left him after his mother's death & returning into South Carolina had enlisted in Captain Warley's Company. Deponent's father got leave of absence and went to Georgia and brought deponent to Colonel Thompson's dwelling house in Orangeburg District where deponent was received by Colonel Thompson in his father's place. Deponent first joined Captain Warley's Company at Orangeburg Court House (that [indecipherable word] is) The deponent has lived part of his time in South Carolina, next[?] in Georgia and next[?] in the State of Mississippi since the Revolutionary War, and has lived in South Carolina for upwards of three years past. The deponent first was marched to Purisburg So. Ca. Thence to Savannah when the British were coming against Savannah. The British drove the American Army out of Savannah after some hard fighting and a number of men lost by the American Army. General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was with the American Army and Deponent is not sure but thinks he commanded. The Deponent with the whole Army retreated to Purisburg. Lay at Purisburg some time. Was at the battle of Stono,¹ and at the Siege of Savannah.² The deponent went with the troops that defended Charleston,³ and in the beginning of the siege Major Hern [sic, Edmund Massingbird Hyrne]⁴ was shot received the ball

¹ June 20, 1779 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

³ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>
⁴ [Edmund Massingbird Hyrne BLWt1478-400](#)

in his cheek near the mouth and passed through at the back of his neck the deponent was detailed to wait on Major Hern. The Deponent accompanied Major Hern through Georgetown on to North Carolina to a relative of Major Hern named Harry Waters. After Major Hern recovered he and Deponent went on and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] before he got to Guilford Court House and was in Greene's Army at the battle of Guilford.⁵ Kept with Greene until he went to Camden South Carolina was in the battle above Camden⁶ and we thence [marched] to a little below Granby, took the Granby Fort,⁷ marched to Ninety Six,⁸ took one a redoubt, and then followed Lord Rawdon into Orangeburg, then marched to McCord's ferry⁹ laid siege to Nutts fort and took it, marched to the high hills Santee, took up winter quarters there, then marched passed McCord's ferry towards Eutaw Springs had a severe battle at Eutaw,¹⁰ Colonel Washington [William Washington], Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], General Marion [Francis Marion], General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], were all officers in the Eutaw battle. Deponent was attached [to] General Greene's person [?], and carried expresses, marched to Bacon's Bridge, staid there and in the neighborhood until the British left Charleston,¹¹ when Greene marched into the town. The Deponent in a few days afterwards received his discharge from Major Hern who wrote the discharge does not know who signed it thinks Hern's name was to the discharge. The deponent not long after discharged left the discharge at his brother's William Lee, where it was lost or destroyed. The Deponent shortly after this went to Georgia to live and on his return after his Brother's death the discharge could not be found. The deponent knows of no persons excepting Dixsey Ward and John Smith who had been acquainted with Deponent whilst a soldier. The Deponent served in Colonel Thompson's Regiment about eighteen months besides the time he served under General Greene, all the time as a private soldier.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jno. Buchanan, C. E. F. D.

S/ John Lee, X his mark

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I, Dixsey Ward residing in Fairfield District and State aforesaid aged seventy two years hereby Certify that I first became acquainted with John Lee who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration in the year 1779 in the early part of that year. That said John Lee was then serving as a soldier in Captain Joseph Warley's Company 3rd Regiment South Carolina Rangers under Col. Wm Thompson. That Deponent knew said Lee to serve in said Company until the beginning of the siege of Charleston in the year 1780 when Charleston was taken by the British under Sir Henry Clinton General Lincoln commanded the Americans. The deponent knew said Lee to serve more than nine months during this service Lee was said to have been detached and believes the report to have been true to wait on Major Hune who was wounded at the beginning of the

⁵ March 15, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

⁶ Sic, Hobkirk's Hill April 25, 1781

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html

⁷ May 14, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

⁸ Siege of Ninety Six May 21-June 19, 1781

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

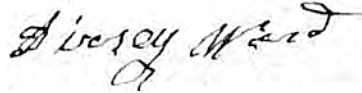
⁹ August 3, 1781, https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mccords_ferry.html

¹⁰ September 8, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

¹¹ The British evacuated Charleston South Carolina in December 1782.

Siege of Charleston. The deponent was a soldier and belonged to the same Company all the time he knew Lee from the spring of 1779 to the time of the circumstances of the siege already mentioned.

S/ Dixsey Ward¹²



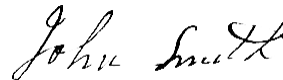
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State of South Carolina Fairfield District }

Before me appeared Captain John Smith¹³ aged seventy years since the 10th of August last, and being duly sworn makes oath that he is acquainted with John Lee who is about to apply for a pension from the United States under the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That Deponent first became acquainted with said John Lee as deponent believes early in the year 1779. He was then a regular soldier in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina Continentals, Captain Warley's Company, commanded by Col. Wm Thompson. That said Lee remained in said Company from the time deponent first became acquainted as above stated until the evening the siege of Charleston began about the 26th March 1780. The deponent has understood and believes that Lee was detailed about this time to attend to Lieutenant Hune who had been wounded about this time. The deponent has understood and believes that Lee with Lieutenant Hern joined Greene and served with him to the end of the war.

The deponent now receives a pension from the United States for services rendered in the same Company to which Lee was attached.

S/ John Smith



Sworn to & subscribed before me James Elliot, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Fairfield District this 18th of July 1832

S/ J. Elliott

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina Continental line for 2 years.]

¹² [Dixsey Ward S22038](#)

¹³ [John Smith S39078](#)