

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Lacy W10189

Frankey Lacy

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State of Indiana Owen County: SS

On this 16th day of October A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Amory Kinney, President judge and Alexander Eason and [name obliterated] associates of the Circuit Court of said County the same being a court of general jurisdiction, and a court of record now sitting, Elijah Lacy a resident of said County of Owen; aged sixty-eight years the 14th of this month 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 the 7th of June A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named officers, and served as hereinafter stated.

He entered the service of the United States (or Colonies) in Goochland County in the state of Virginia, in the year 1778 in the fall of that year, as a volunteer, under the command of Captain Parrish [probably Tolley Parrish], for a tour of three months, which he fully served, And at the close of the tour he was verbally discharged as was also the remainder of the company to which he belonged; the day on which he entered the service he cannot recollect nor the month, but he knows it was in autumn. There was only one Company called out of Goochland County, at the time this applicant entered the service, and it was attached (as well as he recollects) or placed under the command of Major (or Colonel) Taylor [Francis Taylor] of the regular Army. The whole as well in the Cavalry belonging to the body of troops then stationed at the Albemarle barracks, were under the command of Colonel Bland [Theodorick Bland] (of the Cavalry). There were at that time a body of prisoners of Hessians he believes under the guard of bland & Taylor. This applicant served the whole of the tour at that place, and was generally kept on duty guarding the said prisoners, with the exception of a few days that he was with some others detailed to guard the cavalry horses near Charlottesville, while they were in pasture. He recollects Captain Timberlake of the regulars, also Lieutenant White of the regulars: his own Lieutenant was Rutherford, and this applicant's brother, Matthew Lacy was Ensign. – He resided in Goochland County when he entered the service. It was about forty miles from the applicant's residence to Albemarle B [David Rutherford] arracks. He has no documentary evidence of this tour – neither has he any living witness of his said service, and must rely upon the integrity of his own statements, and the corroborating statements of his neighbors hereto annexed, as proof of his services. After he was discharged from this service, he returned to his mother's in Goochland County, his father having died some years before.

2. The Second tour was commenced in the summer of 1780. It was for three months: he was a volunteer, and as such performed said Tour: He entered the service for this tour under Captain

Gideon Hatcher of Goochland County, and was marched down as low as Cabin Point where the troops were stationed some time. He was under or attached to the command of Major McGill, and also he recollects a French field officer, whose name was pronounced de Cloma [Christian Charles de Klauman] – the adjutant, was named Kennedy; – His Lieutenant on this campaign as well as the former was David Rutherford – his Ensign was a cousin of applicant's named Ellit Lacy [Elliott Lacey]. It was apprehended that the enemy would commit some depredations on the South side of James River, below Petersburg – and they (the Corps to which this applicant belonged) were engaged frequently in marching up and down the River, in order to protect that section of the Country from the ravages of a part of the British Army. He cannot state the day on which he entered the service on this tour – he knows only that it was in the summer season, and he thinks his time expired at the beginning of autumn – when the Court to which he belonged was marched to Petersburg and discharged without any writing – But he expressly declares that he faithfully completed this tour of duty and was honorably discharged. He has no proof of his said service except his own statement here made upon oath, sustained as aforesaid. He again returned to Goochland and resided there.

3. In the fall of the year 1780 this applicant again turned out a volunteer and entered the service under Captain Tom Royster [Thomas Royster] (this applicant still residing in Goochland) – He went with Royster to Richmond, from Richmond he was marched to the Maubin Hills [Malvern Hills], or Meadow bridges, opposite old James Town: here he was stationed a short time under a Colonel Woodson but sometime after, he was placed under the command of Colonel Gregory Smith of the light infantry at Williamsburg – In this Corps he underwent much fatigue and when he had been in the service on this tour about two months he was so afflicted with the Rheumatism, that he was compelled to accept a discharge, and by slow and painful traveling to return home – His discharge signed by his old Colonel Smith – and which he has kept for half a century, he sends¹ to the Department as his only documentary proof of this part of a tour of duty – The Lieutenant of the company to which this applicant belonged was a Mr. Lewis Roberts, the Ensign's name he does not recollect. He knows of no living witness by whom he can prove these last services, but must rely upon his declaration now here upon oath, and the sustaining proof hereto annexed.

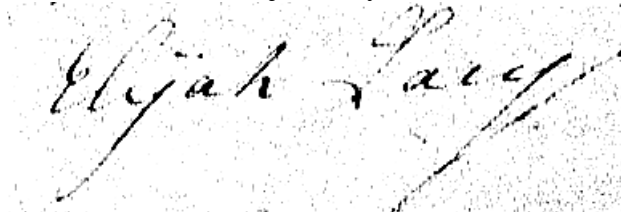
As well as this declarant remembers he again entered the service as a volunteer from Goochland County under Captain Miller [probably William Miller], and Lieutenant Britt [either John Britt or Obadiah Britt], and joined a body of troops under Colonel William Fleming, and shortly after he was under Colonel Taylor, and Major Campbell. They crossed York River at West Point in to Gloucester County, where they were occupied in guarding that section until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He states he entered the service in the month of August – and he left it (having been discharged verbally, together with the company to which he belonged) sometime in October, as well as he now recollects he believes he was out on this tour about two months. He returned to Goochland after he was discharged. He has no written testimony of this service nor any living witness whom he can prove it. He was not at the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown, but was under arms, within hearing of the canon during the struggle which ended in that result till the end of this tour he was discharged in Gloucester – It will thus appear to the Department, that this applicant claims for four separate tours of service, first 3 months, 2nd 3 months, 3rd 2 months, 4th 2 months in all ten months – He served as it will appear in them all as a volunteer in the Virginia troops from the County of Goochland. He has no (presumptive) written evidence of his services, nor of his attachment to the Cause of his Country

¹ I did not find any such document included in the papers in this file

except the discharge aforesaid and a commission² more than 30 years old of Captain, signed by James Monroe, then Governor of Virginia, founded on the recommendation of the County Court of said County of Goochland (shown here to said court). He was born in Hanover County Virginia on the 14th of October 1764 as his birth was recorded by his father in Virginia now in that state in the possession of applicant's younger brother as he supposes – he has a copy of it taken by himself. He has no other record of his age. This applicant lived in Goochland from 1772 1805. Then he immigrated to Kentucky (in Woodford & Fayette counties) residing first in Fayette then in Woodford until 1825 when he settled in the County of Owen in the State of Indiana where he has since resided.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

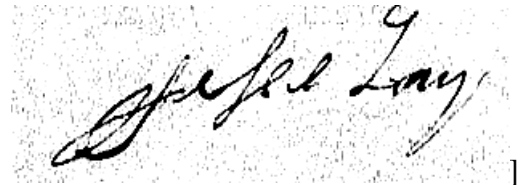
S/ Elijah Lacy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elijah Lacy". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

[Thomas C Johnson, a clergyman, and Andrew Evans gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On April 1, 1847 in Owen County Indiana, Frankey Lacy, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Elijah Lacy, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died the 25th day of April 1846 in Morgan County Indiana; that she married him October 26, 1787; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 6: On May 18, 1847 in Morgan County Indiana, Jesse Lacy, 56, gave testimony that he is one of the children of Elijah and Frankey Lacy; that Elijah died at declarant's house in Morgan County Indiana April 25, 1846 and was then a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that the family register remained in the affiant's possession until February or March 1847 when Stephen F. Hancock of Owen County Indiana who had intermarried with a sister of the affiant sent for the family record; that affiant is fully satisfied that the record made from that record is true and correct.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Lacy". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

[p 4: family register:

Elijah Lacy was born October the 14th 1764

Frankey Holland was born April the 8th 1766

Elijah Lacy & Frankey Holland were married October the 26 1787

Polley Lacy Daughter of Edward Lacey was born October the 5th 1788

Jesse Lacy was born July 10th 1790

Stephen Lacy was born June 1st 1792

Peter Lacy was born June 14, 1794

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Eliza Lacy was born May 8th 1796

Patsey Lacy was born December 29, 1797

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]