

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Lackey <sup>1</sup> W20373

Margaret Lackey f36NC

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State of North Carolina, Iredell County

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before me James Campbell a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Iredell and State of North Carolina aforesaid Thomas Lackey aged about 85 years and who I certify from his age and infirmities is unable to attend at the Court of said County and who being first 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 seventh of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States and Served under the following named officers as herein stated. That his first tour of duty was performed under Captain ~~Purivance~~ Morrison [Neal Morrison], he was drafted for three months & before the expiration thereof was discharged. This tour was performed by Marching to Cross Creek. He performed another tour of duty under Captain Stevenson [James Stevenson] in the Country upon Deep Creek and the neighborhood of Country and was in the engagement when Fannon [sic, David Fanning] was defeated. He served another tour of three months under Captain Morrison up in Iredell & Wilkes Counties.

That he was in another tour of duty under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and was with him at the time of the battle of Ramsour's bridge [sic, Ramsour's Mill?, June 20, 1780]] and in near the ground under Captain Pearson [Richmond Pearson] where Captain Sloan fell. That he Served another tour of three months under Captain Bickerstaff [John Bickerstaff] in Wilkes & Burke Counties, that he Served another tour of duty under Captain Sharpe [William Sharpe]. That he was repeatedly out on Scouts and ranging parties, that he honestly and conscientiously believes that he was in active Service for more than eighteen Months. That he was born in Ireland in the kingdom of Great Britain, but several years before the war came to America. That he has no record of his age. He was living in Rowan now Iredell County at the time he entered the service and lives there still, that he was drafted the first tour and afterwards generally volunteered. Has no acquaintance with the officers of the Regular Army. Is uncertain whether he ever had any discharge & cannot find any, refers to George Lackey<sup>2</sup> & \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sworn & subscribed before me this 6 September 1832

S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ Thomas Lackey, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt10019-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [George Lackey S8820](#)

We, George Lackey, Sr. & George Lackey Jr., residing in the County of Iredell State of North Carolina do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Thomas Lackey has subscribed and Sworn to the foregoing declaration, that we believe him to be 84 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. George Lackey Sr further says that he Served with the applicant in the tours to Cross Creek & the tour in Iredell & Wilkes under Morrison. Saw him in his return from the War, with him in the tour under Purviance and one tour under Sharpe, & in Several Short expeditions.

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 6th day of September 1832.  
S/ J. Campbell, JP.

S/ George Lackey  
S/ George Lackey

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State of North Carolina Iredell County

This day came Thomas Lackey of said County before made the Subscribing justice of the peace in and for the said County and being first duly sworn maketh upon oath the following additional declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear more particularly than herein set forth to his Services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below

His first tour of duty was under Captain Morrison and Colonel Locke and General Rutherford's division on foot to Cross Creek	3 months
2 <sup>nd</sup> do. Under same officers ranging the mountains on foot	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> do. Under Captain Sharpe & Colonel Locke in Rutherford's division marched to Broad River in the horse	1 ½
4 <sup>th</sup> do. Under Captain Purviance fell sick and was sent home a few days after Ramsour's battle recovered & rejoined his Corps serving on foot	2
5th A tour of duty under Captain Stevenson (Colonel not recollected) was in the engagement where Fannon the Tory was defeated on deep Creek in the horse	3
6 A tour under Captain Bickerstaff under Colonel McDowell in Wilkes and Burke Counties	3
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That besides these tours that he was frequently in short tours under Captain Sharp and Captain. Purviance but cannot recollect how long.

That there is no clergyman in his neighborhood.

That the first tour was performed immediately after the defeat of McLeod the Tory leader. The 2nd tour he thinks was performed the fall of the same year.

His 3rd tour was watching for Ferguson and before his defeat.

During his 4th tour the battle at Ramsour's mill was fought.  
His 5th tour was at the time Fannan was defeated.  
His 6th tour was near the close of the war.  
Sworn & subscribed this 16th day of May 1833 before  
S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ Thomas Lackey, X his mark

The deponent Thomas Lackey says that in his amended declaration he has stated as well as he can now remember the length of his different tours of duty and is well satisfied that upon the whole he has charged less time than he actually served. He states that in his first tour he was discharged before it expired a few days, he says that his 2nd tour was performed by ranging the mountains in Wilkes and Iredell counties I dare was then part of Rowan.

Sworn & subscribed July 20th, 1833 before

S/ Thomas Lackey, X his mark

S/ J. Campbell, JP

George Lackey being also sworn saith that he was in the service with Thomas Lackey in the service of his Country the four first tours mentioned in this amended declaration that he knows that his brother did serve all these tours. That there was to the best of his recollection but a few days lost by Thomas as the first tour necessarily occupied nearly three months and he well recollects that his brother lay with his Corps at Salisbury and at Cross Creek and his honest opinion is that the several days made by Thomas for those first four tours is as nearly distance of time remember.

Sworn & subscribed July 20th 1833 before

S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ George Lackey

[p 9: On August 21, 1843 in Iredell County North Carolina, Margaret Lackey, 85, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Lackey, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him September 7, 1775 in what was then called Rowan County North Carolina; that her husband died April 30, 1842; that she has remained a widow since his death.]

[p 13: on Marched 26 1855 and Alexander County North Carolina, Margaret Lackey, 96, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Thomas Lackey; that she married her husband October 24, 1782; that they were married by one Lindsey, a justice of the peace; that her name before her marriage was Margaret Stephenson.]

[p 16: very faint image of the marriage bond issued in Rowan County North Carolina on September 7, 1775 for the marriage of Thomas Lackey to Margaret Stephenson.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears by the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Thomas Lackey, a private Soldier in Captain Bailey's Company of the 10th Regiment, enlisted on the 4th day of November 1782 for the term of 18 months.

Given under my hand this 5th day of October 1843  
S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum for services of 13 months under Colonel Locke in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]