

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lackey W20376

Elizabeth Lackey

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[p 5]

State of North Carolina, Orange County: SS

On this the 24 day of March, 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, at her own residence, she being from old age & bodily infirmity unable to attend Court to make this Declaration, Elizabeth Lackey, a resident of the aforesaid County, aged 83 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on her oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4 1836: that she is the widow of John Lackey of the aforesaid County, Deceased, who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, to wit:

This Declarant has reason to believe and does believe that her deceased husband, the aforesaid John Lackey, was drafted into the Service of the United States, for a three months tour of duty, and as private of militia in the fall of 1780, did serve said three months under Captain DeWitt [Matthew DeWitt] & Colonel Moore [William Moore] -- that her husband she remembers did receive a discharge for said three months tour but that it is now lost or mislaid -- this tour this Declarant proves by the affidavit of John Dolley,<sup>1</sup> hereto annexed.

This Declarant further states upon her said oath, that some time in the next year, and she thinks it was on or about the first of February 1781, her deceased husband did volunteer for a tour of three months a private of militia, and did serve the United States as a private of Infantry in all of said three months tour. Guinn [William Gwinn of the Guilford County Regiment of militia] was his Captain in this last three months tour -- my deceased husband was out in this tour during the Guilford battle [March 15, 1781] -- after having served out his three months tour, he was discharged in Hillsborough by Captain Guinn and returned home; but what has become of his discharge this Declarant has no means of knowing.

In both of the above tours, her husband was in the United States service and in legally organized Corps, and called out by competent authority, as this Declarant has reason to believe and does believe. This Declarant further states upon her said oath that, both herself & her deceased husband were born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania & that on 19 June 1771, she and her deceased husband were married, she knows of no one living that was present and saw them married -- she has however obtained the affidavit of her sister Jane Nutt, who remembers of it being said and so understood in Lancaster Pennsylvania that this Declarant and said John Lackey were lawfully married -- she also produces and further proof of her marriage affidavit of John

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<sup>1</sup> [John Dolley S6802](#)

Hughes.

This Declarant's deceased husband had a family record in his own hand writing of which the following is an extract, but said record is now lost or misplaced:

John Lackey and Elizabeth his wife Elizabeth were married 19 June 1771

Robert son of John Lackey and his wife Elizabeth was born 22 March 1772

Alexander son of John Lackey & Elisabeth his wife was born the 14 April 1775

James, son of John Lackey and Elizabeth his wife was born 10th of August 1777

Hugh, son of John Lackey & Elisabeth his wife was born the 14th of October 1779

Ellen, daughter of John Lackey & Elisabeth his wife was born 29th of January 1782

Milli, daughter of John Lackey and Elizabeth his wife was born 14 February 1785

John, son of John Lackey & Elisabeth his wife was born the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1778

Elizabeth daughter of John Lackey and Elizabeth his wife was born 16 April 1791

William was born 15 November 1794

John Lackey died 30 January 1796

that the above is a true memorandum of her children and the several dates of their births -- also of the date of her and the said John Lackey's marriage, as also of his death.

This Declarant remembers also that said record contained a memorandum of her birth, and it is set forth that she (Elizabeth Murray) was born 11 April 1754.

And that she and the aforesaid John Lackey were married in Lancaster County Pennsylvania 19 June 1771 and in the fall following she and said John Lackey emigrated to North Carolina --

that her husband the aforesaid John Lackey, died on the 30th day of July 1796; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written.

S G/ Hurdle, JP

S/ Elizabeth Lackey, X her mark

[p 3: On March 16, 1838, in Orange County in North Carolina, Jane Nutt gave a supporting affidavit for the application of her sister Elizabeth Lackey in which she states that her maiden name was Murray; that she remembers distinctly that when she lived in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, John Lackey and her sister Elizabeth were married in the town of New Holland in said County; that said marriage took place before the commencement of the revolutionary war, on the 19th day of June 1771; she thinks her sister and her husband John Lackey moved to North Carolina in the fall of the year following their marriage; that John Lackey died about 40 years ago; and that her sister remains a widow. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 14th day of March, 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Dolley a resident of the aforesaid County aged 84 years, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that, during the war of the Revolution and till his death he was intimately acquainted with John Lackey of the aforesaid County, who died about 40 years ago.

This Deponent distinctly remembers that on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1780, there

was a draft for three months militia men, and that John Lackey was drafted and entered the service in a Company of militia under command of Captain Matthew Dewitt, William Moore, Colonel, that they were marched from Hillsboro to Salisbury and then to Charlotte -- and that some time in November following said troops were marched back to Hillsborough, the place of their rendezvous and there discharged by Captain Dewitt -- I was in Hillsboro in said troops were marched off and also when they returned -- they were gone at least three months.

This Deponent also further makes oath that in the spring of the next year 1781, said John Lackey again entered the Service of the United States by volunteering this deponent thinks, in a three months tour: rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsboro on or about the first day of February 1781 -- William Guinn [William Gwinn] was Captain, Edward Guinn [Edward Gwinn] was Colonel: -- this Deponent remembers of seeing said Lackey in this three months tour and heard him say he was in service at the time of the Guilford battle on or about the first day of May (at the expiration of his three months) returned to Hillsborough and was there discharged by Captain Guinn.

This Deponent was present when said Lackey was discharged, and to this Deponent's knowledge said Lackey a private of militia did serve the United States as a private of militia as above stated, six months.

This Deponent further states that he is well acquainted with Elizabeth Lackey, widow of the aforesaid John Lackey Deceased, that she has not intermarried since the death of the aforesaid John Lackey but still remains his widow.

This Deponent in conclusion states that he lived but a few miles from said Lackey, was at his house frequently during the War of the revolution -- that said Lackey was a married man and then had several children.

Sworn and Subscribed the day & year first above written before me.

S/ George Jordan, JP

S/ John Dolley, X his mark

[p 10 is an unsigned affidavit which has been crossed out. It was drawn up for the signature of Isaac Griffis [who, I'm guessing was intended to refer to [Isaac Griffith S6918](#)] supporting the marriage of John Lackey to Elizabeth Murray in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and their emigration to North Carolina in the fall of 1771.]

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Lackey, aged 43 years who being first duly qualified maketh oath that there was a 'family record' in his deceased father's Bible, in his father's handwriting setting forth the day his father & mother's marriage -- the births of each of their Children & deaths -- but that the same is now lost or misplaced. That said record was entered on one of the blank leaves in [the] forepart of said family Bible -- but that within the last few years the lid of said Bible has got torn off and with it the leaf containing said "Family Record" --

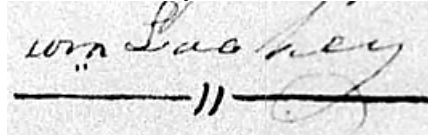
This deponent remembers of seeing it and reading it over often -- that it was in his deceased father's own handwriting and was as follows: to wit:

[He gives the same information as set forth in the widow's application above]

Sworn and Subscribed the day & date 1<sup>st</sup> above written before me.

S/ P. Hurdle, JP

S/ Wm Lackey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Lackey". The signature is written above a horizontal line, with a double vertical stroke (||) positioned below the line, centered under the name.

[p 18: John Hughes, a resident of Caswell County, NC gave a supporting affidavit as to the marriage and emigration of the Lackeys. The affiant states that he was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania and that in the fall of 1771 the affiant's father emigrated to Caswell County [sic, then Orange County] with John Lackey and his wife Elizabeth Murray.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hughes". The signature is written in a fluid, somewhat slanted cursive style.

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]