

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Lee (Leigh) W20440

Milly Lee

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County: SS

On this 22nd day of February 1848 personally appeared before Robert Ricks an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Milly Lee a resident of said County and State aged ninety-two years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the provision made by the 3rd Section of the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836.

That she is the widow of Joseph Lee Deceased who was a Private Soldier of the North Carolina Militia, in the War of the Revolution. That her husband the said Joseph Lee, entered the Service of the United States, in said War, some time in the year 1778, she thinks, while a resident of Martin County North Carolina; that he was drafted (she well recollects) three times, to go into the service of the United States in said War; and that he served out three tours of three months each, in the aforesaid War of the Revolution. The name of all the Officers under whom her husband the aforesaid Joseph Lee served in said War (from old age, and the consequent loss of memory) she does not now recollect; but she well remembers to have heard her husband the said Joseph Lee say that he served a part of his time under General Ash [sic, John Ashe], and Colonel Eaton [Pinketham Eaton]; and, that he was in the Battle at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] ¹ and a part of his services (she believes) were rendered under General Gates [Horatio Gates].

This Declarant the aforesaid Milly Lee (whose maiden name was Milly Bryant) further declares, that she was lawfully married to the said Joseph Lee in the County of Martin North Carolina near the line of Edgecombe, on the last day of August 1776, before he entered the Service; and that she was the Mother of one child (Viz.:) John Lee, and was pregnant with her Second Child Elizabeth Lee, when her said husband Joseph Lee entered the Service. That her husband the aforesaid Joseph Lee, died in the month of June 1833, and, that she has remained his widow ever since that period. She also, further declares, that the old family Bible which contained the ages of her children by the said Joseph Lee, was burned, when they had the misfortune to have their Dwelling burned down; & that she has not, now, any family Register, or Document, that will go to prove the date of her marriage to the said Joseph Lee. Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ Robert Ricks, JP

S/ Milly Lee, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County

On this 27th day of May 1847 personally appeared before me Larry D. Farmer an acting

¹ www.georgiasocietysar.org/revtrail/pdf/brochure_briarcreek.pdf

Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Lewis Todd,² a Revolutionary Soldier and Pensioner of the United States as a rate of \$49.16 per annum a resident of said County and State, aged eighty-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, certify that he was well acquainted with Joseph Lee Senior Deceased who was the husband of Milly Lee of said County, and knows, that the said Joseph Lee, was a Private Soldier of the North Carolina Militia, in the War of the Revolution, for he served with the said Joseph Lee as much as six months he is certain, if not longer, in said war; and that they were in the engagement at Briar Creek, under General Ashe, in the 3rd Regiment of the North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel Eaton. He further certifies that he is well acquainted with the aforesaid Milly Lee, who is now a very old woman and that he knows her to be the widow of the said Joseph Lee Senior and that they were married, or said to have been married before her husband the aforesaid Joseph Lee entered the service; that he did not witness the marriage of the said Joseph and Milly Lee (whose maiden name was Milly Bryant) but that he has no doubt that they were lawfully married, before the said Joseph Lee entered the service in said War, or they lived together as man and wife, until the death of her husband the said Joseph Lee; and if his oldest child (John Lee) was now living, he would be, he thinks, about 70 years old. Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year first above written before me.

S/ L. D. Farmer

S/ Lewis Todd, X his mark

[p 14: NC Comptroller's Certificate of payments made to one Joseph Lee for service in the War of the Revolution as follows:

State of North Carolina
Comptroller's Office
February 25th 1831.

I William Clarke Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, in the account of payments made by said State to sundry persons for Militia service in the War of the Revolution that Joseph Lee received Twenty pounds, five shillings (20^l 5^s) as appears in Book No. 23 page 17. Also that the following payments were made to Lee viz:

<i>Book S. No. 28 page 14</i>	<i>£50</i>	<i>Fifty pounds</i>
<i>" No 24 " 75</i>	<i>£9</i>	<i>Nine pounds</i>
<i>" " 17 " 3</i>	<i>£2 5s 2d</i>	<i>Two pounds five shillings two pence</i>
<i>" No 26 " 31</i>	<i>£54 5s 2d</i>	<i>Fifty four pounds sixteen shillings and five pence</i>

And same book and same page of Leigh's £18 Eighteen pounds. And in Book G. No. 18. S. Sec. L. 14 5s. Fourteen pounds, eight shillings.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office the day and year above written

Wm J. Clarke Compt'r

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 7 months & 15 days in the North Carolina Continental line.]