

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Lowry (Lowrey)¹ W2139 Nancy Lowry f60VA
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State of Kentucky Clarke County Sct.

On this 25th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Richard French Judge of the Clarke Circuit Court, now sitting, being a court of record expressly made so by the Act of the Legislature establishing it, Thomas Lowrey [sic] a resident of Clarke County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-two 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 act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered as a private in the company of militia commanded by Captain George Montjoy [George Mountjoy] to serve a tour of three months – He was drafted into the service. Said company was raised in Stafford County and State of Virginia. It was stationed at Marlborough where it continued until the three months expired when we were discharged. He cannot recollect what year it was, he was very young and has no very distinct recollection at this time of what occurred. He does not now recollect who commanded at Marlborough, nor any of the officers who were there, except his own Captain – Colonel James Garrard was commander of the Militia in Stafford County, but he does not recollect his being at Marlborough.

The next time he entered the service as a drafted militia man in a Company commanded by Captain Elijah Thralkild [Elijah Threlkeld²] which company was raised also in Stafford County Virginia. He served in this company a tour of three months. The company was stationed on the Potomac River where it remained until the three months expired and he was then discharged. The time when he served this tour he does not recollect.

The next time he served was in the year 1781. He was drafted in a company of Militia commanded again by Captain George Mountjoy. The Company was raised in Stafford County Virginia. It was marched to Falmouth where the company received our arms. It was then marched through Fredericksburg, & through Spotsylvania, Caroline, King and Queen and on to Williamsburg and from there to Springfield, where it joined the brigade commanded by Colonel Dark [William Darke]. After being at Springfield for some time, we were marched to Pigeon Hill to drive the British back into York, they having erected some pieces of cannon on said hill. We were then commanded by General Stevens [Edward Stevens]. The British spiked there

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² Spelling of this man's name as it appears in Gwathmey

cannon, and retreated into York, and we occupied the ground they had left. He was drafted for a tour of three months, and before his time had expired, whilst he was at the siege of York and after the affair at Pigeon Hill, but before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], he enlisted as a regular soldier in the Army of the United States for the period of three years. He was enlisted by Edmund Montjoy [Edmund Mountjoy]. The Regiment was as he understood commanded by Colonel Montjoy [Mountjoy]. The number of the Regiment he does not know. General Spotswood was as he understood the commander of the regulars enlisted by Montjoy. So soon as he was enlisted, he got a furlough and was absent, and during his absence Cornwallis surrendered. Sometime afterwards we were called together near the Bowling Green in Virginia, there were few of us together – at that time. Colonel Mountjoy was there and General Spotswood, we were not kept their long, but were again sent home on furlough. We were again called together at the same place about a year after my enlistment and Edmund Mountjoy then attended and gave us a discharge. He states that he has lost all the discharges that he had many years since. He enlisted as before said [for] three years, but he was never called upon after the expiration of about one after the period of his enlistment, and during a considerable part of that year he was on furlough, there being no demand for his actual service. It was in the Virginia State troops that he enlisted sometime called Spotswood's Legion, and sometimes called the Virginia State line.

He states that he was born in St. Mary's County Maryland, and at the time he was about three years old he was brought over into Stafford County Virginia where he resided until he was twenty-five or twenty-six years of age, and he lived in the state of Virginia until the year 1816 in which year he removed into the State of Kentucky, and has been living in Clarke County ever since with the exception of a few months when he first came into Kentucky that he resided in Madison County. He states he was born in the year 1760 as he always understood from his father and mother in the month of August of that year. He has no record of his age. He states he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service in the revolutionary War but his brother Moses Lowrey.

He is known to James L can and Reuben Franklin who live in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

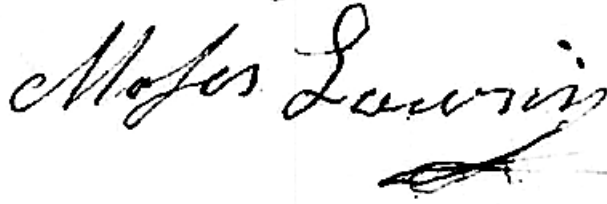
S/ Thomas Lowrey³

And Moses Lowrey a resident of Bath County and State aforesaid also appeared in open Court on the day aforesaid and made oath that the said Thomas Lowrey who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration is his brother, that the said Thomas Lowrey is now seventy-two years old as he has always understood his age in the family. That during the revolutionary war, his father, and his said brother Thomas and the family resided in Stafford County Virginia, that he is younger than Thomas and was not out himself during the war, but the said Thomas Lowrey was out three times in the militia, serving each time as I understood a tour of three months. He the said Thomas Lowrey also enlisted for the term of three years, but I do not recollect how long before the end of the war it was, but I know it was during the siege of Cornwallis in the latter part of the year 1780, a little while before Cornwallis surrendered.

³ handwriting identical to the body of the document itself consequently I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Moses Lowrey



[Reuben Franklin and James Elkin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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On this 23 day of September 1833 the said Thomas Lowry again personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Richard French Judge of Clarke C. Court and states in addition to the statement made by him in the foregoing declaration that his whole service in the revolutionary war, was nine months as a private militia man, being three tours of three months each, as stated in said original declaration and one in spots woods Legion, before he was discharged, also as a private, making altogether one year and nine months, sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. Lowry



[William Wright, a clergyman, and George W Burke gave another standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 5: On March 16, 1853 in Clark County Kentucky, Nancy Lowry a resident of said County and state filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Lowry, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$70 per annum; that she married him in Orange County Virginia October 16, 1805; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Dedman; that her husband died in Clark County Kentucky November 21, 1846 and that she remains his widow.



[p 11: Certificate of the clerk of Orange County Virginia showing that records in his file indicate that Thomas Lowry and Nancy Dedman were married November 21, 1805. In addition, his certificate includes records of the following marriages not related to this veteran:

Reuben Tenille [could be Reuben Terrille] & Susanna Morton September 11 1805

James Fisher & Fanny Mason December 26, 1805

John T. Fant & Fanny James February 18 1806

George Herndon & Sarah Teale April 1, 1806]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for one year and nine months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]