

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lewis Ford W24223

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State of Tennessee }

Smith County } on this 16th day of october 1837 personally appeared before me John Lancaster an acting Justice of the Peace for said County, Anne Ford a resident in the county and state aforesaid aged Sixty six years & five months who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress passed July 4, 1836 That she is the Widow of Lewis Ford who was a Captain of a Malitia company in the State of Virginia in the Revolution. She is unable to state any of the particulars of her late husband Services but for particulars will respectfully refer to the affidavit of Edmund League [pension application W378]. She further declares that she was married to said Lewis Ford on 10 day of February 1788 [see note below] that her husband the said Lewis Ford died on the 10th day of February 1833 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. that she has had seven children and that the youngest of them is now 24 years of age

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day & year above written. [signed] Anne Ford

State of Tennessee }

Smith County } on this 16th day of october 1837 personally appeared before me John Lancaster an acting Justice of the Peace for said county Edmund League a resident in the County and State aforesaid aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath say, that he was well acquainted with Lewis Ford whose widow is now an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836, he further says that in the year 1777 He served a campaign with the said Lewis Ford in the State of Virginia Said Ford at that time was an Ensign in Edward Walkers company in a Regiment commanded by Col'n Brookin [Vivian Brookin or Brooking] believes that said Ford was drafted does not recollect precisely the length of time said Ford served at that time but recollects that he was Honorably discharged after this discharge this deponant and said Ford served together at different times untill the year 1781 at what particular time said Ford commanded as Captain this deponant cannot state, but knows that said Ford did command as captain of a Malitia company after 1777 in the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded Col'n. Holt Richardson does not recolect of any battles said Ford was in

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written [signed] Edm'd League

State of Tennessee }

Smith County } Edmund League aged about 78 years this day personally appeared before Me John Lancaster an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the said County and after being duly sworn upon the holy evangelist of allmighty god to speak the truth the whole truth & nothing but the truth as to what he may know of the services of Lewis Ford a Revolutionary Soldier, & whose widow is an applicant for a Pension und the acts of Congress in such cases made & provided

Says that when he was examined on this subject some time since he then state all that could then recolect except as to the particular Length of Service performed by Capt Ford on each Tour as his mind was not then directed particularly to that subject but now says, that said Ford served at Least three months the first Tour deponent knew of his serving this Tour was performed about hampton, Virginia, in this Tour said Ford served as an Ensign in Capt Walkers Company commanded by Col'n Vivian Brookin, this service was done in 1777 deponent knows that Capt Ford after this served at diferent times but cannot say how long said Ford served in any Tour after this one first mentioned untill 1781 He then served a full Tour of Three months and commanded as Captain; Col'n Holt Richardson commanded during; this Tour the British Burt [burned] the Publick Buildings at Peters Burgh [sic: Petersburg] Virginia Capt Ford with the balance of the Troops retreated from them toward Fredricksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] & Further deponant saith not

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 27th day of January 1838 [signed] Edm'd League

NOTES:

The file contains a brief claiming that Ford served as follows: 2 months and 17 days as Ensign in 1777; 2½ months as Captain in 1778; 16 days as Capt. in 1779; 3 months and 5 days as Capt. in 1781.

On 6 Sep 1838 Anne Ford resubmitted her application for a pension, adding that Lewis Ford's service was as a resident of Amelia County. On 3 May 1843 she applied for a pension under an act passed in that year, stating that she married Lewis Ford on 17 Feb 1789. With this application she submitted a record of the birth of "her self and her fathers family," which is transcribed below. On 15 Jan 1855 in Independence County AR Elijah Hylton, administrator of Anne Ford, who died on 7 Aug 1853, applied for an increase in her pension.

Mary Lankester was born Febuary the 27th 1755

John Lankester was born January the 24th day 1757

Judith Lankester was born May the 27th day 1759

William Lankester was born July the 18th day 1762

Martha Lankester was born Nov'r. the 2^d day 1765

Rich'd Lankester was born June the 29th day 1768

Anney Lankester was born May the Second day 1771

Elizabeth Lankester was born March the 1st 1774

Tho's. Lankester was born February the 15th day 1778

Susanny Lankester was born Dec'r. the 11 day 1780

Robert Lankester was born July the 9th day 1784