

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Leckie W25

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State of Virginia County of Campbell: SS

On this 10th day of June 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Campbell now sitting William Leckie a resident of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia aged sixty-eight years the 9th day of July last, 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 the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States on the following named Officers and served as herein stated: –

In the month of September 1780, I substituted myself in the County of Caroline, State of Virginia, in the place of Achilles Moorman, without fee or reward. I marched under the command of Captain Francis Tompkins of said County – Colonel Anthony Thornton commanded the Regiment. We marched to Williamsburg and was then ordered to Port Royal where we served the balance of a three months' tour.

In January 1781, I again marched from the County of Caroline, State of Virginia, as a substitute for Younger Newton under the command of Captain Jeremiah Upshaw. The detachment was under the command of Major Johnson. We marched to Williamsburg the place of rendezvous, and joined the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mathews. I was ordered from Williamsburg to Jamestown under a Sergeant with a small detachment for the purpose of conveying the dispatches across the River. I remained there two weeks and returned to Williamsburg and joined the main Army and in a few days marched with a detachment under the command of Captain Collins of Culpeper County to York town and was then transferred to Captain Edin's Virginia Artillery, Major Johnson commanded a Garrison where I then was stationed. Generals Arnold [Benedict Arnold] and Phillips [William Phillips] lay a few miles below York. In April, the British landed in the night, surprised the Garrison and took the whole prisoners, except twelve, including myself. We made our escape across the York River into Gloucester, and joined General Whiting's command. We continued in Gloucester eight or ten days, we then returned to York, and were discharged by General Nelson [Thomas Nelson], in the month of April, having served a three months tour.

In the month of April 1781, I entered the service in the place of Edmund Herndon, who was sick and served a three months tour. I marched from the County of Caroline under the command of Captain James Outlaw – Colonel Mathews commanded the Regiment. I joined the Army in a few miles of Scotch Town in the County of Hanover Virginia. The Army then

retreated to Ely's Ford upon the Rappahannock [River], the British pursuing, we marched through the wilderness into Culpeper County and recrossed the River at the Raccoon Ford, and were joined by General Anthony Wayne's Brigade. The British then retreated and we pursued them within eight miles of Williamsburg, where we came up with the British, and had a skirmish, which lasted from three in the evening until early night. Generals Morgan & Wayne then ordered a retreat. I was discharged in July 1781 and entered the service the same day, as a substitute in the place of James Gerald under Captain John Tyler – Major Campbell commanded the detachment. We marched from thence to Gloucester County and joined General Weeden's [George Weedon's] Brigade. Volunteers were called for to repel a foraging party under the command of Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton]. I volunteered under the command of Colonel Mercer, and was attached to Captain Hungerford's Company. We joined General De Choisey [?] who commanded the French troops on the Gloucester side. On the day subsequent to our March, we overtook the British in Sewel's land. We had a hot engagement – we killed some and took others prisoners. I continued in the service until Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown [October 19, 1781]. I then marched from thence to Winchester with the British prisoners as a guard, and remained in service until November and was then discharged, having served full 3 months.

And I further declare that I have no documentary evidence in my possession, and the subjoined certificate contains the best evidence I can procure.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state whatever.

Subscribed and sworn to this day and year first above written.

S/ William Leckie



Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the Town of Court Royall in the County of Caroline State of Virginia, the 9th day of July 1764.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age at home

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Caroline County when called into service. Since the Revolution I have lived in Hanover County and Campbell County and have recently removed to Pittsylvania County where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I first substituted myself for Achilles Moorman and then for Younger Newton, I then volunteered in the place of Edmund Herndon he being sick. I then substituted for James Gerald.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. When I first entered service, General Lafayette commanded. I knew General Washington, General A. Wayne and Baron Steuben. I recollect nothing more than what I have stated in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I do not remember whether I ever received a written discharge: if I did I have lost it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Samuel Pannell, Philip Payne, Jesse Burton, Edmund Herndon, and Dudley Gerrell. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Leckie

[Harvey Brown, and Edmund Herndon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 55: On April 9, 1835 in Rutherford County Tennessee, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Tennessee agency stating as his reason for moving to Tennessee that he is old and infirm and his children have removed to Tennessee.]

[p 9: On September 4, 1843 in Rutherford County Tennessee, Elizabeth Leckie, aged about 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Leckie, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married him October 20, 1792; that he died October 15, 1842 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 26: On September 5, 1843 in Rutherford County Tennessee, Martha Lewis, 79, gave testimony that she was present at the wedding of Elizabeth Leckie to her husband William Leckie at the house of Elizabeth's father James Hurt in October 1792 in Campbell County Virginia; that James Hurt was a Baptist minister. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[pp 2-5: containing what appear to be family register pages from a Bible but the images are of such poor quality that little of the information could be deciphered. What little I could decipher is as follows:

Suckey Leckie was born Febary the 10 1794

Lucy Stroysor Leckie was born february the 11 1796

Salley Sheppard was Born June 9 1800

William W. Leckie was Born April 28 1802]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]