

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Markham (Markam) W25669

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Term 1833

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices thereof Lewis Markham a resident citizen of the County of Lawrence & State of Tennessee & made oath according to law that he is aged about seventy on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October next and upon his said oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated to wit that he took the place of Henry Basen [Boren?]<sup>1</sup> under Captain Branam [? possibly Thomas Bronaugh]<sup>2</sup> in the subsequent command of Colonel Armistead Churchwell [sic, Armistead Churchill], General Weeden [George Weedon], for six months at Fauquier Court house State of Virginia in the month of October 1780 that he marched to Fredericksburg where General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] took the command we then crossed James River at Carter's ferry now called at Cartersville thence to Cole's ferry on Staunton thence to Salisbury State of North Carolina thence to Charlotte in said State thence to the fish dam Ford on the Broad River South Carolina then to Rugeley's Mills thence to the Coppens [Cowpens]<sup>3</sup> where we defeated Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton, Battle of Cowpens January 17, 1781] & carried the prisoners to Hillsboro where we joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] & from thence to Fauquier where we were discharged at the end of the term by Captain Branam & Colonel Churchwell which I have long since lost. The second time I entered the service was in Stafford County State of Virginia in the month of May 1781 for six months in the place of Alvin Montjoy, under Captain Montjoy [possibly either George or Thomas Mountjoy, both of whom served as captains in the Fauquier County militia during the revolution] & Colonel Edmunds, General Stephens [Edward Stevens] – that he scouted in Virginia until Cornwallis took possession of little York in Virginia when he marched to the Siege & continued at the siege until Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781] & then he guarded the prisoners to Winchester barracks Virginia where he was discharged at the end of said term but has lost his discharge, making his

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*Henry Basen*

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*Branam*

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<sup>3</sup> The only Fauquier County militia captains known to have participated in the battle of Cowpens were Captain John Combs and Captain James Winn. Colonel Armistead Churchill is not listed among the participants at the Cowpens.

service in the Revolutionary war one year the first campaign as orderly Sergeant & the second as Sergeant Major. The first Campaign was active & he was in the battle of the Cowpens in it & in the second he was in the siege of little York. That in addition to his said service he served two three-month tours against the Indians after the revolution & was in General Harmar's [Josiah Harmar] defeat [probably a reference to the campaign of Harmar in the autumn of 1790] in the first & in General St. Clair's [Arthur St. Clair, defeated at the Battle of the Wabash November 4, 1791] in the second. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & that he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State or territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Lewis Markham



State of Tennessee Lawrence County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Term 1833.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 Lewis Markham appeared in open court & being first duly sworn according to law answered the annexed interrogatories as follows to wit

1<sup>st</sup> Question by the court where & in what year were you born

Answer. I was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 1763

2. Q. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Answer. I have no record. I have however seen it in my father's Bible many years ago & that is my recollection.

3. Q. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live

Answer In the County of Fauquier State of Virginia, I lived in Stafford County Virginia this 2<sup>nd</sup> tour & I moved from Virginia to Scott County Kentucky from that to Limestone [?] County State of Alabama & from that to Lawrence County Tennessee

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if so for whom

Answer. I was a substitute both times the first time for Henry Boren & the 2<sup>nd</sup> time for Alvin Montjoy. In the first tour I acted as orderly Sergeant & in the 2<sup>nd</sup> as Sergeant Major.

5<sup>th</sup> Question State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served & such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the General circumstances of the campaign

Answer. I was with General Morgan at the battle of the Cowpens, Colonel Washington commanded the Dragoons, General Green received the prisoners taken at the Cowpens from us at Hillsboro in North Carolina. He does not recollect the number of Regiments, In the first tour we marched from Fauquier to Fredericksburg crossing James River at Cartersville then called Carters ferry from that to Cole's ferry on Staunton, thence to Salisbury North Carolina thence to Charlottesville [sic] in said state, thence to the fish dam Ford in South Carolina thence to Rugeley's Mills from thence to the Capepens [Cowpens] where I was in the battle from thence we went to Hillsboro & joined Green thence to Fauquier where I was discharged. The Second from Bedford we scouted through Virginia until the Siege of little York where to [sic, we?] took Cornwallis & close the war both campaigns were active & bloody

6. Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from service & if so by whom was it signed & what has become of it

Answer I received a discharge at both times but have lost them the first was signed by Captain

Beanan & Colonel Churchwell, the second discharge was signed by Captain Montjoy & Colonel Edmunds

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in the neighborhood where you now live & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I believe Mr. John Robinson, Abel Wakefield, John Riddle & many others can testify as to my character & reputation.

S/ Lewis Markham

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State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

On this 21<sup>st</sup> September 1832 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County Wm Markham to me well known as a respectable gentleman & entirely credible & made oath that his elder brother Lewis Markham now of Lawrence County Tennessee served two tours during the Revolutionary war he thinks of six months each – the first under Captain Bronaugh and the second under Captain George Mountjoy – he lived in Fauquier County Virginia when he served the first tour & under Captain Churchill & Major O'Bannon commanded in the Regiment – which was a Virginia militia Regiment.

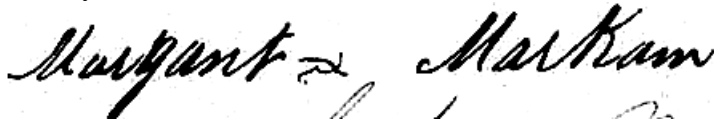
The second Tour he lived in Stafford County & his Colonel's name was Edmunds – & during the second tour he was at the siege of York & acted as orderly Sergeant in his company.

Sworn and acknowledged before me the 21 day of September 1832

S/ Wm Markham [William Markham]



[Note: I could not find an actual application filed by the widow for her pension but there is documentation in the file indicating that she was granted a pension: in an affidavit dated September 20, 1855 filed in the Lauderdale County Alabama, the widow refers to herself as then being 74 years old a resident of Franklin County Alabama in which affidavit there is reference to her being granted a pension under the 1853 act at the rate of \$60 per annum for life commencing February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1853



. It is certainly possible that I somehow missed finding her application in the file. On p 5 there is a document in which the statement is made that the veteran died on or about September 26, 1846.]

[p. 19: copy of a license dated January 5, 1830 issued in Lawrence County Tennessee for the marriage of Peggy Senter to Lewis Marcom together with a certification that the rites of matrimony between the above named parties were performed January 21, 1830.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service of one year as a Sergeant in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]