

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Lewallen (Luallen) ¹ W26211

Parazeda (Parisida) Lewallen
f64VA

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State of Tennessee Anderson County} SS

On this 29th day of August 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before me Edward Scott one of the Circuit Judges of law and Equity in and for the State of Tennessee and for the Second Judicial Circuit in the Circuit Court for the said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee now sitting Richard Lewallen a resident in said County and state aged sixty-nine 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He lived in Prince Edward County Virginia at which place in April 1781 he volunteered for three months under Captain Thomas Owens in Colonel Richard Bibbs [Richard Bibb's]² Regiment of militia Rendezvoused at Prince Edward Courthouse we had no General we marched to Petersburg lay there two or three weeks then we marched down the River towards Norfolk after the British we joined the main Army in the neighborhood of Norfolk lay there till our time was out then returned to Prince Edward County and was there honorably discharged the discharge was signed by Captain Thomas Owens that it is now lost served three months was in no battle.

Again while living at said Prince Edward County Virginia in September 1781 he volunteered for three months under Captain Nathaniel Cunningham and Colonel John Holcombs [John Holcomb's or John Holcombe's] Regiment of Militia in General Lawsons [Robert Lawson's] Brigade Rendezvoused near Amelia the name of the place not recollected Marched to James River Crossed it at Jamestown thence to Williamsburg lay there two or three weeks Then marched to York town he was in that siege helped to take Cornwallis [Battle of Yorktown, October 19, 1781] and then helped to guard the prisoners to Winchester Barracks then marched to Prince Edward County was there honorably but verbally discharged Served 3 months this last tour he may be mistaken as to the date but he is certain he served the full time above mentioned under the said officers which is in the whole 6 months.

He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service. 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. There is no clergyman living immediately in his neighborhood and he

¹ BLWt34923-160-55

² Richard Bibb is listed in J. T. McAllister, *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War: McAllister Data*, Hot Springs, Virginia, McAllister Publishing Co., 1913 as a major in the Goochland County, VA., militia.

knows of none that he can procure who can testify to the report of his service. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Lewallen, X his mark

Sworn to in Open court 29th of August 1832

S/ A. Crozier, Clk.

[John Cross and Arthur Crozier gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Anderson County} SS

On this 8th day of April 1833 Personally appeared before me William McKamey an acting Justice of the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County Richard Lewallen a resident of said County and State in said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his pension declaration which declaration was made in the Circuit Court for said County and bears date August 29th, 1832 and was numbered in the War Department No. 5934 and sent back for amendment. That he was born in Prince Edward County Virginia in the year 1763 according to the best information he can get on the subject the month or day he is not certain of. He has no record of his age. He does not recollect the names of the Regular officers who were with the troops where he served nor the names nor numbers of any Continental or Militia Regiments or the general circumstances of his service further than stated in his said Declaration his memory is much impaired by age and infirmity. He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Dr. Hugh Barton, Charles McCormack, John Crozier and John Gibbs Esquire all of whom he believes would testify that they believe him to be a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier of the Revolution. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before

S/ William McKamey
S/ Richard Lewallen, X his mark

[p 15: On July 4, 1853 in Anderson County Tennessee, Parazeda Lewallen, 57, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Lewallen, a revolutionary pensioner; that her husband died in Anderson County Tennessee May 8, 1833; that she married him in Anderson County Tennessee in July 1818; that she remains his widow; that her name prior to her marriage was Parazeda Vowel. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 41: On November 15, 1853 in Anderson County Tennessee Barrister Vowel gave testimony that he was an eye witness to the marriage of Richard Lewallen and his wife Parazeda; that the widow has remained unmarried since the death of Richard Lewallen. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the widow is not stated. The witness signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p. 18: in the bounty land claim filed in Anderson County Tennessee on September 8, 1855, the widow's name is spelled Parazidda Lewallen.]

[p 54: On March 2, 1868 in Anderson County Tennessee, the widow filed for the reinstatement of her pension benefit. In this document she gives her age as being 73. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount]