

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Lovett (Lovet) W26804

Sarah Lovett

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North Carolina Guilford County: The 24th day of April A.D. 1818

This day before me Joseph John Daniel one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law and Courts of Equity of North Carolina came Joseph Lovett of the County aforesaid and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he belonged to the Company of Captain John Guess or Gass [John Gist?] in the 16th Virginia Regiment of Infantry of the Continental Line during the Revolutionary War. That he entered the Service on or about the month of June A.D. 1777, and that he left the service about the same time in the year 1780. That he was taken prisoner by the Enemy at Charleston SC in the year 1780 [Charleston South Carolina fell on May 12, 1780] and was a prisoner for the period when his time of service expired having enlisted for three years, that a short time after this he escaped from his Imprisonment and from this reason did not have a regular discharge, but that during his Imprisonment he obtained from Captain Muir [perhaps Captain Francis Muir] who was also taken prisoner by the enemy a Certificate that his time of service was expired, which Certificate was taken from this Deponent during the year of the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] by a party of Tories who plundered the House in which Deponent then lived.

This Deponent further saith that he is in need of the assistance of his Country, he calls he is very poor in the Groin received by him at the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] which now obliges him to where a girth across that part, is incapacitated from hard labor. That he has a little more than one hundred acres of very poor land, that he has no slaves, that he has living with him a wife and one daughter his other children having grown up and left him and that he is of the age of sixty-one years.

S/Joseph Lovett, X his mark

[p 20: Is an earlier application dated April 28, 1822 rendered in Guilford County North Carolina by the veteran in which he restates his services substantially earlier and later affidavit. In this document he had a schedule of property of a total value of \$277 primarily consisting of 100 acres of land worth \$200. Since this amount of property exceeded the \$250 limit imposed by the Commissioner of Pensions as defining indigency for purposes of the 1818 act, the veteran's name was stricken from the pension list. At the end of this document he lists his occupation as follows: "a Farmer but by reason of age and bodily infirmity he is unable to labor, That he received a wound at the Battle of Monmouth, by a Buck or Swan Shot in the body which is now lodged in his Hip, and frequently renders him incapable of Labor. He has no family living with him. He signed this document with his mark.]

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State of North Carolina Guilford County: Superior Court of Law April Term 1827

On this 23rd day of April 1827 personally appeared in Open Court (being a Court of record for the County of Guilford and State aforesaid, Joseph Lovit [sic] resident in said County aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Joseph Lovit enlisted for the term of three years in Baltimore, State of Maryland, in the month of June 1777 in a Company commanded by Captain John Guess which Company was attached to the 16th Regiment of Virginia line on the Continental establishment and commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Guess [Nathaniel Gist], That he continued to serve in said Regiment until the surrender of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at Charleston, South Carolina, when he became a prisoner of War, with the rest of his Regiment. That after some time he made his Escape from the Enemy & came to Guilford County State of North Carolina, where he has continued to reside. That his name has been placed on the pension list, and dropped there from on account of his property, and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

Five head of Cattle, three head of hogs, one old desk, one old Bureau, one table, one dresser, a corner cupboard, four pewter dishes, ½ dozen pewter plates, ½ dozen pewter spoons, five small basons, one small iron pot, one oven, one hoe, two pair of drawing chains, two small cloices [?], oe chest & two sheep

S/ Joseph Lovat [sic], X his mark

Said Joseph Lavat [sic] further states that his occupation is that of a farmer, but from age and bodily infirmity, and a wound he received at the Battle of Monmouth he is unable to pursue his occupation. That he has a wife Sarah Lavet [sic] about 70 one or two years of age, and a daughter Betsey Lovat [sic] about 30 years of age, who labors under some derangement of min , so that she is incapable of taking care of herself, some time. He further states that he has not The house for some years, that his wife and daughter live with one of his sons, and that he with another of his sons who is a poor man and has a large family – the two mares mentioned in a former schedule of his property are both did – That on the 12th day of March 1825 he sold to his son Aaron Lovit [sic] the tract of land mentioned in a former schedule rendered by him for the sum of \$195, which sum of money has been honestly applied in discharge of his just debts, as will appear by the annexed affidavits, – That he received of his son Aaron the sum of \$88, which he paid out in the discharge of his debts as follows, \$40 to David McGibbony \$20 to David Eowell [?], Eight dollars to Jacob Hubbard and six dollars to Isaac Weatherby, the balance of the \$88 he cannot now recollect how it was disposed of. The balance of the purchase money was paid to his use as set forth in the Affidavits of Aaron Lavat. That from the length of time of old age and defect of memory he cannot render a further and better account of the disposition of his

property than is above stated except as disclosed in the following affidavits. That there are some other small articles of personal property mentioned in his former schedule, that have been since worn out & lost.

S/ Joseph Lovel [sic], X his mark

[p 7: On the 24th day of August 1843 in Guilford County North Carolina, George Lovett, one of the heirs of Sarah Lovett widow of Joseph Lovett filed a claim on the half of the heirs of Sarah Lovett stating that she was the widow of Joseph Lovett, a revolutionary war pensioner; that Joseph died May 12, 1833 leaving Sarah his widow; that she died November ninth, 1838 leaving three children surviving to wit George, John and Elizabeth all of legal age. He signed his application with his mark.]

[p 13: family register:

The age of Joseph Lovet's Children

Mary Lovit was born the 1 of the 12 [paper torn, text missing] in the year 1782

Aaron Lovitt was born the 1 Day of the [paper torn, text missing] 11 months in the year 1784

Moses Lovitt was born the 1 Day of the 12 month in the year 1786

Comfort Lovitt was born the 23 day of the 9 month in the year 1788

Elesabeth Lovit was born the 3 Day of the 12 months in the year 1790

Joseph Lovett was Born the 26 that Day of the 6 months in the year 1793

John Lovet was Born the 4 day of the 5 months in the year 1796

George Lovett was Born the 31 day of the 12 month in the year 1797

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing April 24, 1818, for service as a private for three years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending November 9, 1838 when she died.]