

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Lemmon W3698                      Jane Lemmon                      MD VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 11 Aug 2014.

Virginia At a Court held at the Courthouse for the County of Botetourt on Monday the 8th day of July 1833

On this the 8th day of July 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Botetourt in the said State of Virginia Jacob Lemmon resident in the said County of Botetourt and State aforesaid now in the 71 year of his age 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 of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 that he was born on the 7th day of May in the year of our lord 1763 in the County of Frederick in the State of Maryland and moved to Augusta County in the State of Virginia when he was about nine or ten years of age where he continued to reside untill the first of October 1780 when he entered the army of the United States in the said County of Augusta as a substitute for a man by the name of Frederick Burkett in the company commanded by Capt. John Tate [sic: see note below] and marched from the said County of Augusta to Hillsborough North Carolina where they were furnished with guns and ammunition and from Hillsborough they marched into the State of South Carolina where they joined the army under the Command of General [Daniel] Morgan Colo. William Washington and Colo. [John Eager] Howard (of Maryland) in the neighbourhood of Mecklenburg and were attached to Colo. Howards regiment and in the month of January following was at and engaged in the memorable battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] where he was slightly wounded after which engagement he was employed in conducting the prisoners of War taken in the above battle to Salisbury in North Carolina and in guarding them untill sometime in the month of February (1781) following and was discharged in the same month and arrived at his home in the said County of Augusta the last of the said month during the above specified tour of duty this applicant served the full term of four months and twenty days and acted as a Sergant in the above service and under the above named officers and in the month of May following this applicant was drafted in the said County of Augusta (1781) and marched in the company commanded by Capt. John Dicky [sic: John Dickey] to near Williamsburg in the State of Virginia where he joined the army under the Command of Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne Gen'l. William Campbell of the Va. Militia and Colo. Hazzard and was at and engaged in the battle of James Town [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] under the command of the above named officers and was subsequently discharged in the latter part of August following at Bottoms bridge (now called Camp Holly) about 16 miles below Richmond this applicant served the full term of three months and fifteen days in this his second tour of Duty. he returned home to the County of Augusta when in the month of November following this applicant visited his relations in the County of Frederick in the State of Maryland where he substituted for (his relation) a certain Andrew Hull to guard the prisoners taken at the defeat of Lord Cornwallis [at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] stationed at the Barracks in Frederick Town in the State of Maryland where this applicant served for the term of two months after his discharge from Guarding the said prisoners he again returned to his house in the County of Augusta aforesaid and in the month of May following 1782 this applicant was drafted for a tour of duty of three months to guard the frontier against the Indians on the Tigarts Valley River in the north western part of Virginia [sic: Tygart Valley River in present Randolph County WV] that he was ordered into the service by Col. John Moffit [sic: John Moffett] of the said County of Augusta and marched in the Company commanded by Capt. John McKitrick [sic: John McKittrick] of said County of Augusta. in this his last tour of duty he served the full term of three months for which he was drafted this applicant continued on his return from the last tour of duty against the Indians to reside in the County of Augusta for eight or nine years after which he moved to the County of Botetourt aforesaid where he has resided ever since this applicant has no documentary evidence of his services having long since given out all hopes of ever being remembered by his Country and has consequently lost or misplaced all papers touching his services this applicant would further state that during the periods

which he served his country he was not engaged in any Civil business this applicant would beg leave to refer the Department to Capt'n John Jordan, Capt'n. James Paxton, Maj'r George Gray Colo. William Anderson and Charles Beale Esqr. his neighbours for information touching his character and as to their knowledge and belief of his having been a soldier of the revolution. This applicant hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll or agency of any State.

Jacob Lemmon

Virginia Botetourt County to wit

This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833 Jacob Butt [pension application S39250] & George Lemon [S38137] personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County of Botetourt and made oath that the matter and things as set forth in the Declaration of Jacob Lemmon touching his services for a pension under the law of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 are true that they saw the said Jacob when in the army in both North and South Carolina that they know of his having been at and engaged in The Battle of the Cowpens that they know that he was attached to the regiment Commanded by Colo Howard of Maryland and that he acted as a Sergeant during the said tour of duty that they also know of their own knowledge that the said Jacob was drafted after his return from Carolina and marched in the company commanded by Capt'n. John Dickey and was at and engaged in the Battle of James Town and that he acted as a Sergeant and served as he has set forth in his declaration and under the officers as he has stated that they also know of their own knowledge that he served a tour of two months duty in guarding the prisoners at the Barracks in Frederick Town Maryland as a substitute for Andrew Hull they also know of their own knowledge that the said Jacob was drafted and marched in the company commanded by Capt'n. John McKitrick to the north western part of Virginia to Tigers Valley River now Randolph County to guard the frontier against the Indians that he was ordered out by the command of Colo. John Moffit & that the said Jacob served the full Term of three months and said Jacob Butt and George Lemmon further states that they and the said applicant were raised together and from their having served in part with the said applicant and their perfect knowledge of the services as set forth in the Declaration they have no doubt of the truth of them

NOTES:

Capt. Edmund Tate, rather than Capt. John Tate, was at the Battle of Cowpens. Lemmons may have confused the two because John Tate also guarded prisoners from Cowpens (see his pension application S6191).

Jacob Lemmon made another declaration similar to the above on 13 Aug 1832 and was pensioned for one year of service as a Private.

On 15 Sep 1852 Jane Lemmon, 80, applied for a pension stating that as Jane Gilleland she was married by Samuel Mitchell, a Methodist minister, on 3 Jan 1797 to Jacob Lemmon, who died on 6 Nov 1848. She stated that she was born in Rockingham County VA (formed from Augusta County in 1778) and moved to Botetourt County before her marriage, and that she had seven living children, the oldest being 54. Her statement was certified by her neighbors, George Lemmon and Mary M. Lemmon (as they signed). On an application for bounty land dated 2 May 1855 her maiden name was spelled Gilland.

The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 2 Jan 1797 by Jacob Lemmon and John Shanklin for the marriage of Lemon to Jane Gilleland.