

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Edmund League W378

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State of Tennessee }
Smith County } On this 3rd day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before John Chambers, Zachary Ford & Isaac Goodall members of the Court & c Edmond League a resident of the County & State above mentioned aged seventy two years eight month & twenty two day. Who being 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 seventh Eighteen hundred & thirty two That he entered the service of the US united States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated — Mustered into service about the Twentieth day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven - in Amelia County Virginia under the Command of Brigadier General, Thomas Nelson, in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Vivian Brookin [sic: Vivian Brooking] in the Company commanded by Capt. Edward Walker Lieutenant Edward Tabb and Ensign Lewis Ford of Virginia militia. We struck line of March to Old Williamsburg and from thence to Hampton where we was discharged about the 5th of November one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven after a tour of two months & fifteen days

I was mustered again into service about the twenty fourth day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight in Amelia County Virginia under the command of Col. Holt Richardson and in the Company commanded by Capt Lewis Ford Militia. we struck a line of march to Cabin Point below Petersburg [on James River in Surry County] where we was stationed until about the Tenth day of December following when we was discharged making a tour 2½ months

I was mustered again into service about the Twenty fourth of April one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine under the Command of Capt Lewis Ford of Virginia Militia and stationed at Chesterfield sixteen days and was then discharged

I was mustered again into service about the first day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty at Rowlands Church Amelia County Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt William Craddock Militia and struck a line of march to Hillsborough North Carolina, under the command of Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] Brigadier General Holt Richardson Col commandant and Maj'r [William] Boyce. I then was attached to Capt Prices [John Price's] Company from Hillsborough we struck a line of March in rear of General [Horatio] Gates to Deep River, from there to Linches [Lynches] Creek near Camden [SC] where we met the enemy on the 16th day of August one thousand seven hundred & eighty where we was defeated without having the privilege of making battle we was there scattered & made our way to Hillsborough where we was received by Maj'r [Nathaniel Garsden] Morris and sent to New Garden Quaker Meeting house [in Guilford County NC] where we joined Col Ralph Falkner [sic: Ralph Faulkner] where we continued until about the 15th of November following a Term of service of about five months and a half and then was discharged

I was mustered again into service about the first day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty one in Amelia County, Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt Lewis Ford of Virginia Militia in the Regiment Commanded by Col Holt Richardson. first Maj'r. Wadkins [possibly Thomas Watkins] and second Major John Overstreet and under the command of Robert Lawson Brigadier General we struck the line of march under the guidance of Gen'l Lafayette [sic: Lafayette] until we arrived near Fredericksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] Virginia where General Lafayette and General [Anthony] Wayne joined their Armies [10 Jun 1781]. and we then turned on the Enemy and drove them back to their shipping at Swans point [sic: Swanns Point] near James Town. General Wayne gave them Battle but was beat back [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781]. the Army then marched towards Richmond at Malborin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County] where we encamped some time [16 - 31 Jul] — we then crossed James River and march'd down the south side to Swans point where we was assisted in recrossing James River by the French vessels — I was then discharged from Capt Ford's Company about the

fifth of september following making a tour of three months and five days. I then substituted for Shadrack Holt and joind Capt Oglesbys [Richard Oglesby's] Company and was their detached of and joind General Mulingburg's [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] flying Infrety [sic: Infantry] under the Command of Maj'r Sam'l. Duvall where we continued between Yorktown and Williamsburg untill Gen'l. Washington gave orders for the Infrety to be calld in. we then joind the main Armeey at the New Magazine near Williamsburg we their struck a line of march to rais the seage of Your Town [sic: to besiege the British at Yorktown] about the Twenty eighth of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. under the Command of General Washington we continued the seage untill the nineteenth of October when, Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] surrendered his army to General Washington. then I continued to guard the prisoners until about the 25th of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. I then took ~~shipping~~ [illegible word] with the again and was discharged making a Tower of one month and Twenty days, in all about 16 months he got discharges but they are all Lost.

He further more state that his name is not on any pention list in this State or in the US united States Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above mentiond

[signed] Edm League

I Lewis Ford Of Smith County State of Tennessee do certify that Edmond League was a privet in the Company Comanded by Capt Edward Walker of Virginia malitia of Amelia County in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy seven a tower of two months an a half and again said League was a private in a Company of Virginia malitia from Amelia County that I had the command of as Captain in the year seventeen hundred and Seventy Eight which tower was about two months and a half Said League was also a private also in a short tower of sixteen days in the year of seventeen hundred and seventy nine and again in the year one thousand seven hundred Eighty one Said League was a Sergeant in a tower that I was Captain of a Company of Virginia Malitia Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [sic] [signed] Lewis Ford [See also Ford's pension application W24223.]

Edmund League an applicant for a pension amends his original declaration by making known that he omitted to mention in his declaration, that he served two terms of duty, which is not mentioned therein One of three months as a private in the dragoons and was under the Command of Col Washington [Lt. Col. William Washington] in the company commanded by Capt. Charles Irby. He also served a tour of two months under the Command of Col. William Giles, he thinks in the Company Commanded by Capt Edward Walker. This tour of duty was performed in guarding the Capes of Virginia — Applicant cannot swear positively to the length of his service as a soldier of the Revolution, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than three months as a Sergeant, and not less that eighteen months as a private soldier in the army of the Revolution. Making in all a time of twenty one months (21) service, performed in the defence of the Country as a soldier in the War of the Revolution Applicant during the time he was in the service of the country, was not engaged in any Civil pursuit whatsoever. 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 or territory in the United States, or else where.

Qust. 1. Where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in Amelia County, and State of Virginia, on the 9th day of December 1759

Qust. 2. Have you any Record of your age? if so where is it

Ans. I have a Record of my age in my family Bible, which was copied from my Father Register, of the birth & ages of his Children

Qust 3^d. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live.

Ans. I lived in Amelia County & State of virginia when called into the service, I resided in said County for some time after the Revolution. I then removed to the State of Tennessee, and have been a resident of that State of twenty seven years. I am now & have been for the last 27 years a resident of Smith County and State of Tennessee.

Quest. 4 & 5. will be found ans'd. in the declaration.

Qust 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what became of it.

Ans. I was regularly discharged from the service, as I believe, but cannot now remember by all of whom I was discharged. I rec'd. one discharge from Lewis Ford, Capt of the virginia militia & another from Commissary Augustine Davis, called Commissary of herd meats - but they have all been lost or mislaid.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity, and their belief of your service as a Soldier of the Revolution

Refer to Thomas A. Lancaster, John Lancaster Esq. William Evans Esq. Joel Cheatham Esq. and John Johnson Esq.

Sworn to in open court 28 May 1833

[signed] Edm League

NOTE: On 5 Sep 1839 Mary League, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married Edmund League on 10 Apr 1792, and he died 17 Sep 1838. With her application is a copy of a bond signed in Amelia County on 1 Apr 1793 by Edmund League and William Foster for the marriage of League to Mary Beadle. Other documents state that she was the daughter of John Beadle, in whose house she was married. Also with the application is a register of the children of Ryleigh League, the fourth of six children, who was born 17 Jan 1799 and married on 6 Feb 1829.