

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lewis W3832

Ann Berry Lewis

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

A statement of the Subscriber of the Services rendered by him in the Revolutionary War.

I served two towers [tours] of above duty in the State of Virginia one in a volunteer company & another in a minute Company of three months each in the year 1776 I then enlisted in the Continental Army I believe in the month of February in the year 1777 in the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis, Lieutenant Colonel Abraham Bluford [Abraham Buford] & Major Stubblefield in the company commanded by Captain John Marks & after the death of Colonel Lewis the Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Davis [William Davies] & continued in the Army for three years or until December 1779 when the Army took up their winter quarters in the Jerseys near Morristown and in the month of December I was marched from there with a detachment ordered on to Charlestown South Carolina & continued with them to Fredericksburg in Virginia I was there discharged in February 1780 & my discharge was signed by Lieutenant Burges Ball then Commandant of that place I was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] I to which I came into Carolina & served a three months tower of duty under Major General Green [Nathanael Greene] Joined his Army when it was encamped at the High Hills of Santee & was discharged immediately after the surrender of Lord Corn Wallice [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781]. I am now in the seventy third year of my age & my wife is in the sixty third year of her age & we have no other white family & neither of us able to get our living by labor we [have] one old old [sic] wench that is & has been for some years past labor also one other wench that has been always sickly & has a child that is edict [idiot?] they are & has been a continual expense one other that is advanced in age but not past labor worth \$50, two others one ten years old & the other twelve worth \$200 each one horse brute worth \$40, 12 head of cattle small & grown worth \$40, 15 head of hogs some small worth \$15, 10 head of sheep worth \$10, my household furniture of every description (bedding & clothing excepted) is worth \$70 all my real estate containing some more than 600 acres conveyed to Mr. Jonathan Hampton he having brought a suit against me on a contract that I was not able to comply with he agreed to take my land for satisfaction. I am owing just debts to the amount of \$574 which am unable to pay without selling the property above mentioned or as much as make the amount I have been a citizen of the County of Rutherford aforesaid within the United States long before the 18th day of March 1818 at that date & ever since & I have not since that time or at any other time by gift sale or otherwise in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent so to diminish it or any other improper motive so as to bring myself within the provisions of the Act of

the Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the said 18th Day of March 1818. I have not nor any person in trust for me any property or security contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed. I have no vocation except that of a farmer be considered one age [????] and infirmity has rendered me unable to [word written over and indecipherable] that or any other labor my wife is not able to support me or to do any business of value except such as is performed about her household affairs. By way of recapitulation I annexed the following schedule

Land or real estate none	
one horse worth \$40	\$40
one old slave past labor	00
a sickly wench & her idiot child aged 3 years	00
one wench advanced in age	50
Two Negro girls one aged 10 & the other 12	400
stock as before mentioned	65
Household furniture of every description worth (necessary bedding & clothing excepted)	<u>70</u>
	\$625
I owe justly \$574	<u>574</u>
	51

S/ John Lewis



[p 10: On February 5, 1845 in Cass County Georgia, Ann Berry Lewis, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Lewis, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him December 22nd, 1784; that her husband died November 4, 1840 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p. 12: On June 23, 1845 in Rutherford County North Carolina, William Hannon of Rutherford County North Carolina gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Ann Berry Earle before her marriage to John Lewis in Rutherford County North Carolina; that he was intimate with the family of Colonel John Earle and was 10 or 12 years old at the time of the marriage of John Lewis to Ann Berry Earle at Colonel Earle's house.]

[p 4: copy of a marriage bond dated December 21, 178_ [sic] issued in Rutherford County North Carolina to John Lewis & John Crawford conditioned upon the marriage of John Lewis to Annah Earl. Certified by the clerk of court to have been filed in the Court's papers previous to June 1789.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 3, 1829, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in the amount of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that John Lewis enlisted with me a Soldier for 3 years which time he faithfully served.

S/ John Marks, Captain
10th Virginia Regiment

Auditor's Office February 26, 1784

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Teste: S/ Heitman, Clk.