

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Walter Lindzey (Lindsey, Linsey) Catharine fn 69NC
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State of North Carolina Buncombe County

On this 22nd Day of April 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Walter Lindzey a resident of North Carolina in the County of Buncombe aged seventy-one 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 (to wit) Colonel Hampton Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Hambright Captain William Alexander Lieutenant Thomas Elliott, That he entered service in the month of December 1779 & as well as now recollected was discharged on the 20th or 24th day of March 1780. That he was in no engagement during the above time of service. That he was the greater part of his time stationed in Charlestown South Carolina, some part of said time was stationed about 2 or 3 miles out of Charlestown near a place called the Governor's Gates: That this declarant resided when he entered service in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina. That he was a volunteer in order to serve a draft. That when he entered the service he was immediately marched from Mecklenburg County North Carolina to Charlestown. That Declarant does not remember the Continental regiments or Companies with whom he served but was under the command of General Lincoln: That all the written evidence that he had was his Discharge which is long since worn out & lost: That he knows of no person now living that can prove the above service of the him the Declarant: That he served in General Lillington's Brigade during the above term of service.

That the Declarant still residing in Mecklenburg County North Carolina he again Volunteered his Service under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] under Colonel Robert Erwin Captain Brumfield. That he volunteered at this time in the month of July or August 1780 as well as recollected & was in the Battle of Rocky Mount & the Hanging rock under the above named officers, in the State of South Carolina. Then was transferred to General William Davidson [William Lee Davidson] & under Captain William Alexander usually called Black Bill for Distinction sake where he performed part of his time near McCappons [?] Creek between Charlotte & Campden [Camden?] until the time Lord Cornwallis entered Charlotte in North

Carolina: Then Davidson ranged about & near Rocky River North Carolina for some time until Cornwallis left Charlotte; Then was with General Davidson at the Tuckaseegee Ford on the Catawba River guarding that Ford to hinder Cornwallis from passing then after Cornwallis had crossed the River at Cowan's Ford & Beatties Ford & General Davidson was killed the Declarant was marched through Charlotte & passed on after Cornwallis until near the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River then the Declarant was dismissed & returned home this was in the latter end of February or the first of March in the year 1781 and this declarant swears that he served in all nine months 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 to his knowledge.

Test S/ John Miller, Clerk

S/ Wlt. Lindzey

I Joseph Henry¹ Pensioner residing in the County of Buncombe, do certify that I have been acquainted with Walter Lindzey who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration, for about 30 years, and in that time we have frequently talked over the affairs of the Revolution and have always understood from each other that we were in the same Country & with the same Officers, but did not get personally acquainted until after the close of the Revolution: and I believe him to be 71 years of age; and that it has always been understood in the neighborhood where he resides that he was a soldier of the revolution.

Test S/ John Miller, Clerk

by S/ N. W. Woodfin, D. C.

S/ Jos. Henry

[John Clayton gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: In the state of Pennsylvania in the year 1764.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have none only from my recollection after frequently seeing it in an old family Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Mecklenburg NC and since in this state now in the County of Buncombe

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Volunteered in all cases

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served.

To this I cannot answer more fully than I have already done in my declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received a discharge at Charleston signed by my Captain Alexander, but it is worn out and lost for the last term of service I never received a discharge

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

[no answer indicated]

[fn p. 5: on September 24, 1845 in Buncombe County North Carolina, Catherine Lindsey, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Walter Lindsey; a

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pensioner for his service in the revolution from March 4th, 1831 to July 17th 1837, the time of his death; that she married him January 24, 1786 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina; that she has no record proof of her marriage except the record of her marriage and ages of her children in her Bible.]

[fn p. 50: in a supplement to her application above, on February 3, 1846, Catherine Lindsey, then 78, amended her application for a widow's pension stating "That she is the widow of the said Walter Linsey who was a Private Soldier in the War of the Revolution and served as herein Stated He entered the Service in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and served several 3 months tours how many she cannot state, she states under captains Davidson, White & Alexander. He then enlisted under Captain Cole sometime in the year 1777 for and during the war and served under him until the close of the war or the surrender of Cornwallis. He then received a Discharge which he lost as she has heard him say. His field officers was Colonel Hamrick & General Lincoln. He was in the Battle at Hanging Rock, Rocky Mount & teams Mountain. She has often heard him speak of General Sumpter, General Gates & General Greene those she thinks not as his commanders."]

[fn p. 7: family record]

[first entry is illegibly faint]

Abigail Lindzey was Born March the 29 [?] [too faint to discern]

Lydia Lindzey was Born February the 19th 1792

John Lindzey was Born Sept. ye 27 179[last digit illegibly faint]

William Lindzey was Born June ye 14 1787

Ann Lindzey was March ye 10 1800

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[fn p. 11: on June 9, 1855 in Buncombe County North Carolina, Catherine Lindsey, 91, widow of Walter Lindsey filed for her bounty land entitlement; she states that her husband departed this life in Henderson County North Carolina on July 18, 1840; that her name prior to her marriage was Catherine Cannon.]

[fn p. 60: William Lindsey, Achscuel [²] Lindsey, Ann Lindsey³ and Lydia Gibson a resident of Buncombe County signed an amnesty oath in which they state they are the only surviving children of Catharine Lindsey, late a revolutionary pensioner.]

[Catharine Lindsey, the widow, died December 12, 1863.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 7 months service in the revolution.]

² Signature looks like "Achsaah Lindsay, X her mark"

³ In other documents she is referred to as "Ann Wilson."