

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Lee W4477 Martha Lee alias Martha Graham MD
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State of Pennsylvania } Ss
County of Lancaster }

On the thirteenth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and forty three personally appeared before John Webster esquire one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Lancaster Martha the widow of John Lee late of Harford County in the state of Maryland and the said Martha having first been duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Pension made by the act of Congress passed July the fourth Eighteen hundred and thirty six, and the act explanatory of said act passed March the third Eighteen hundred and thirty seven. That she is seventy eight years of age that, she was married to John Lee by Parson Davis a Minister of the Babtist church residing in Harford County Maryland on the thirteenth day of August in the year seventeen hundred and eighty nine that she lost her certificate of marriage and that they lived together until his death which happened on the thirtieth day of August in the year Eighteen hundred and three that they had seven children namely John R, James H, Edward David, Ann L, Parker and Caroline The eldest was thirteen years of age at the time of the death of his father John Lee and the youngest eleven months of age That the said John Lee enlisted in the winter of seventeen hundred and seventy nine under Captain John Smith as will appear by a copy of certificated dated May the first seventeen hundred and eighty four, and that he had served nine months previous as a drafted militia man and that he served until the close of the war, and that she has frequently heard him tell of being at the battles of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] and at the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]. That she again on the eighteenth day of July eighteen hundred and four intermarried with a man of the name of Robert Graham and shortly after they ware marred she obtained information that he had another wife which caused unpleasant feelings between them and he went away in a short time after their marriage and she has never hered any word of him since, and that she considered herself to be a widow on the fourth day of July eighteen hundred and thirty six and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by referance to the paper hereunto annexed Swon to and subscribed on the day and year above written before } N.B. She neve having considred before me the subscriber who do also certify that she is old and } her last marrage legal therefore frail and unable to go before the court to make her declaration and } she has never changed her name that she own no property to support her } Witness Present/ David Lee Martha herXmark Lee

I Certify that John Lee [paper torn] enlisted by me in the Winter of Seventy nine for during the War and has not been sett[page torn] but for his depreciation and the pay given to the soldiers on their return from the Southward

S John Smith Capt'n
May 1st 1784

To the Aud'r of Acco'ts for the State of Maryland

On the back is the following

Sir please to settle my pay with Mr Ignatious Wheeler Jun'r. and you will oblige me

May 1st 1784

John Lee

[Certified copy] Auditors Office Annapolis May 5th 1794

NOTES: The file contains a record of the marriage of John Lee and Martha Howlett in Harford County in August 1789. The record was taken by James B. Alderson and Thomas Alderson, great grandchildren of Parson John Davis, from a paper that also recorded the marriage of William Grover and Sarah Bosley on 5 Nov 1789. A summary in the file states that John Lee died of an accidental gunshot. On an application for bounty land dated 25 Dec 1855, Martha Lee was said to be 92.