

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Rector W45

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: At a court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions opened & held for the County of aforesaid at the Court House in actual on the 4th Monday after the 4th Monday in March 1834

It was ordered by court that James Gudger [?] Be and is hereby appointed a special Guardian of Lewis Rector who now is Insane for the purpose of obtaining a pension due from the United States to him Lewis Rector as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, the said James Gudger Guardian as aforesaid Entered into Bond agreeable to law with Charles Moore Security in the sum of \$1000 in Testimony whereof I John Miller Clerk of the Court aforesaid do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the record in my office made and that the half certified by me this 22 April 1834

S/ Jno. Miller, Clerk

State of North Carolina

Secretary of States Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Lewis Rector a private, in Captain Sharpe's Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service in the year 1782, for the term of 18 months, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 20th day of July 1834

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Buncombe County

On this 27th day of March 1844 before me James Sharp a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid personally appeared Frances Rector a resident of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows that she is the widow of Lewis Rector who was a private in the war of the Revolution. She further declares that she was married to the said Lewis Rector in the month of December 1788 in Wilkes County State of North Carolina and that her husband the aforesaid Lewis Rector died on the 13th day of January 1844 in the County of Buncombe State of North Carolina that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the year first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated and has not been married to any other person but remains the widow of the said Lewis Rector. She further

declares that she knows of no documentary or record evidence of her marriage & that her said husband the said Lewis Rector was in the receipt of a pension at his death. Sworn to and subscribed the 27th day of March 1844

S/ James Sharp, JP

S/ Frances Rector, X her mark

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of 2nd of February 1748 entitled "An act making further provision for surviving widows and soldiers of the Revolution."

State of North Carolina on County: On this 19th day of October 1849, personally appeared before me John A. Fagg the Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Frances Rector, age 77 years past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed on the 2nd February 1848, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war viz.:

That she is the widow of Lewis Rector, who was a private during the war of the revolution, and drew a pension at Fayetteville North Carolina of \$50.33 1/3 cents per annum, and that her husband resided and Buncombe County North Carolina until he died. For the particulars of his service she refers to his declaration and papers on file in the Pension office.

She further states that she applied for and received a pension at the Jonesborough Tennessee agency of \$50.33 1/3 per annum, under the I ask of Congress of 7th of July 1838, 3rd March 1843 and 17th of June 1844. For the particulars of her marriage to the said Lewis Rector and his death she refers to her Declaration and papers filed in the Pension office. That at the time she received her pension under the aforesaid Acts of Congress she was a resident of Buncombe County in the State of North Carolina in which County she now resides.

She further declares that she is still a widow.

S/ Frances Rector, X her mark

State of North Carolina Iredell County: This day personally appeared before the undersigned acting Justice of the peace of said County John Grant¹ and William Roberts citizen of said County and after being duly sworn deposes and saith that they were personally acquainted with Lewis Rector who is now [indecipherable word or words] a citizen of the County of Buncombe and State aforesaid and that he the said Lewis Rector to be a soldier of the Revolutionary war in the Continental line and that the said Lewis Rector served till the end of the war and in Colonel Archibald Lytle's Regiment and Captain sharks Company. Sworn to and subscribed before me February 15th Day 1830.

S/ P. Campbell, JP

S/ John Grant

S/ William Roberts, X his mark

State of North Carolina Iredell County: This day personally appeared in open court John Grant a citizen of Iredell County and State of North Carolina who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was acquainted with Lewis Rector during the Revolutionary War between the United States of America & Great Britain and saith that the said Lewis Rector entered into the service of the United States as a common soldier sometime in the month of May in the year 1782 in the County of Surry State aforesaid under Colonel Armstrong & he believes in Sharpe's Company rendezvoused at Salisbury & was marched to Charlotte, there was placed

¹ [John Grant S6930](#)

under the command of Colonel Archibald Lytle this deponent thinks the 10th Regiment of North Carolina Militia marched from there to Camden South Carolina & from thence to a place called Ashley Hill where the forces commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & was there placed on James Island to hold possession (the British having lately left that place) & was again removed to the ten mile house from Charlestown South Carolina -- then back to Salisbury North Carolina -- where the said Rector was discharged by Colonel Lytle this deponent further saith that himself served in the same Regiment with Rector and knew him well & further this states that he Rector was discharged this deponent thinks in the year 1783. This deponent well recollects that it was the end of the war this deponent well recollects that said Rector engaged in the war for the term of 18 months & served the full term out and was honorably discharged this deponent states that himself is now going in his eightieth year and thinks that said Rector to be about seventy-seven years of age this deponent further saith that he was well acquainted with the said Rector for 10 or more years after the war & that said Rector was then of sound mind and good character the deponent further saith that he this deponent has been informed that the said Lewis Rector has for a long time lived in Buncombe County North Carolina and has become so deranged in mind that he is incapable to transact his ordinary business.

May the 7th 1834

S/ John Grant

[facts in file: the widow's name was Frances Lunsford prior to her marriage to Lewis Rector; they are references to the veteran and his wife having had children but none are identified by the name in the file.]