

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Lewis¹ W7218

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District of Virginia: SS

On this 5th day of May 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia personally appeared George Lewis aged fifty-seven years resident in Accomack County in the said district who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Late Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary War." That he the said George Lewis enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the __ day of __ in the year 1781 in Accomack in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Parker of the 11th Regiment commanded by Colonel Arthur Campbell in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the __ 1783 __ When he was discharged from service in Winchester State of Virginia that he was in the Battles of __ and that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Service.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Geo. Parker

Accomack County, to wit:

George Cropper of the said County makes oath that he believes the above claim to be just & true, before the subscriber one of the Commonwealth's justices of the same.

August 23, 1819

S/ Thomas Cropper, one of the Justices for Accomack
County

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Inventory of personal property belonging to George Lewis of Accomack County Virginia the is

2 Yearlings (Bull & Heifer)	\$12.00
7 Head Hogs	10.00
3 old Chests	.75
2 old Spinning Wheels	1.00

¹ BLWt26967-160-55 and BLWt108907-160-55

² former widow

1 Old Canoe	1.00
3 old Jugs	.50
2 old augers	.15
one set Shoemaker tools	1.00
one Old flax Brake	.25
3 old Barrels	.16
half dozen Spoons Pewter	.18
5 old Chairs	<u>.50</u>
September 1, 1820	\$27.49

Commonwealth of Virginia
Accomack County to wit

On this 1st day of September 1820 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record (the said court proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings and having the power of fine & imprisonment George Lewis aged 58 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he the said George Lewis enlisted a soldier to serve eighteen months in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Parker of the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Arthur Campbell, that he served the said eighteen months, that he made his declaration before George Parker Judge of the Superior Court of Law of Accomack County on the 5th day of May 1819 which was his original application, and he also solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. The said George further states that he has only himself and a woman called Betsey Hinman and her child John in his family – that he has no trade but is healthy and the said Betsey Hinman is healthy and about 26 years of age, her child John is about 4 years of age and is healthy. He said George is a tenant on about one and a half acres of land on which he lives. It is ordered to be certified that it is the opinion of the Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is \$27.49.

[Attested by Richard D Bayly, clerk of the Accomack County court September 4, 1820]

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The deposition of Daniel Lewis on oath aged about sixty-seven years taken this 21st day of June 1820 at Accomack County before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, with regard to the claim of George Lewis of said County to a pension from the Government of the United States, deposes & saith that he is well acquainted with the said George Lewis & knows that he continued to serve in the Continental establishment in the line of Virginia as a soldier in the Revolutionary War for more than nine months.

S/ Daniel Lewis, X his mark

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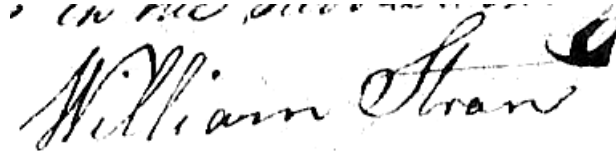
The deposition of Thomas Lewis on both aged about sixty-one years taken the 21st day of June 1820 at Accomack County before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace for the County of Accomack with regard to the claim of George Lewis of said County to a Pension from the Government of the United States deposes & saith that he is well acquainted with the said George Lewis & knows that he continued to serve in the Continental establishment in the line of Virginia as a soldier in the Revolutionary War for more than nine months.

S/ Thomas Lewis, X his mark

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The deposition of William Stran of Accomack on oath aged about 61 years taken this 17th day of June 1820 at Accomack County Virginia before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid with regard to the claims of George Lewis of said County to a pension from the Government of the United States deposes & saith that he is well acquainted with the said George Lewis & believes that he continued to serve without intermission in the Continental establishment in the line of Virginia as a soldier in the Revolutionary war for more than 9 months.

S/ William Stran

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Stran". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a small, dark, circular mark or smudge to the right of the signature.

[p 6: On May 19, 1853 in Accomack County Virginia, Elizabeth Summers, 65, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of George Lewis, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him on or about November 21, 1822; that he died May 9th, 1834. She signed her application with her mark. In this document she says nothing about her subsequent marriage.]

[p 10: On May 9, 1855 in Accomack County Virginia, Elizabeth Summers, widow of Richard Summers formerly the widow of George Lewis, aged 68 to 70 filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of George Lewis; that she married George Lewis on November 21, 1822 in Accomack County Virginia; that they were married by William Lee a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage to George Lewis was Elizabeth Hinman. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Elizabeth Riggan. Thomas Lewis and Daniel Lewis, aged respectively 61 years and 67 years in 1820 made affidavit at that time in Accomack County Virginia; in 1866, the name William I. Lewis appeared, no relationship shown between any of these persons, nor is it stated that they were related to the soldier, George Lewis; in 1866 the name of Nancy Hinman appeared and in 1869, one John R Hinman was a resident of Accomack County, Virginia, their relationship to soldier's wife not shown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 5, 1819, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in the amount of \$96 per annum.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

The Deposition of George Lewis of the County of Accomack & State of Virginia aged seventy-six years of age being first duly sworn according to law deposeseth and saith that he enlisted under Thomas Parker for Eighteen months and after his term was up then enlisted during the war we marched to Richmond and then to Cumberland County and stayed there for some time attached to the 11 Regiment and then we were marched to the North as far as Winchester Virginia and other places this was a short time before the end of the war and served to the end of the war and was discharged by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] but my discharge was burnt when I had the misfortune to have my house burnt and I was well acquainted with Severn Delastatious a Sergeant William Silverthorn a Sergeant Edward Dickerson a Sergeant Miles Northam, Thomas Fisher, Selby Delastatious privates – in the above enlisted under Captain Thomas Parker for the same time idea did during the war and served to the end of it and was regularly discharged and further this deponent saith not.

S/ George Lewis, X his mark

[Attested in Accomack County January 16, 1833 by Nathaniel Topping, JP]

Petition for bounty land

The four claims of George Lewis, William Silverthorn, Thomas Fisher & Edward Dickerson rest upon the evidence of George Lewis – who says, that they all enlisted for the war, & served to the end of it. This is the whole of the evidence which is offered.

Andrew Dunscomb's settlements of the accounts of officers & soldiers of the Continental line (which is on file in the executive Department) proves that George Lewis settle his account for a service to the 23rd of March 1783 – William Silverthorn to March 15 1783 & received his gratuity of \$80 – Thomas Fisher to November 15th, 1783, and received his gratuity of \$80 – and Edward Dickerson to January first 1783.

In the deposition or affidavit of George Lewis the claim of Miles Northam is spoken of. I have no additional evidence relating to that claim to present.

Submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c.

May 16, 1834

His Excellency
Governor Tazewell

[Note: A note at the top of this page appears to indicate that the claims of Selby Delastatious and Severn Delastatious have been dealt with heretofore but the writing is so broken up that I cannot be certain as to exactly what it says.]