

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Layton Yancey¹ W7380² Fanny (Frances) Yancey f61VA
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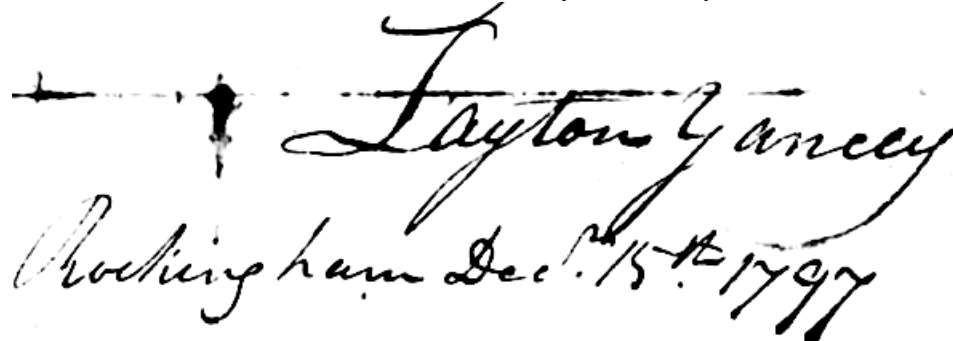
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To the Honorable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates of Virginia

The Petition of Layton Yancey humbly sheweth that he served in the first Instance as a Cadet in the first Regiment of light Dragoons commanded by Colonel Bland that he was afterwards entitled to the Rank of Captain & that he served as such under the command of Colonel White [probably Anthony Walton White] in said Regiment; and that he has received no bounty lands Co-equal with that rank – Your Petitioner therefore prays that the Register may be directed to issue to your Petitioner a warrant for the Lands which he may be entitled to as a Captain of Dragoons and your Petitioner is in Duty bound will pray etc.

S/ Layton Yancey

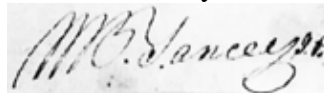


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Fanny Yancey, widow of Leighton Yancey deceased this day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County of Rockingham Virginia and made oath in due form of law that her marriage to Leighton Yancey who was a Captain in the Virginia Continental Line in the War of the Revolution is correctly stated on this leaf taken from a book in her possession – and that said entries were in the handwriting of said Leighton Yancey.

Given under my hand as justice as aforesaid

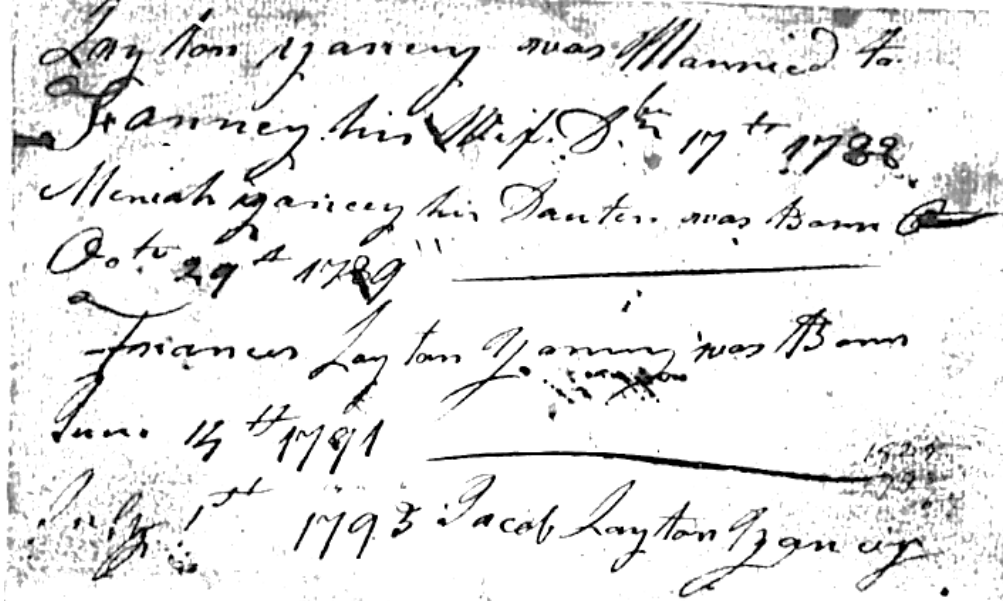
S/ M. B. Yancey, JP



¹ This veteran's name is also spelled Leighton Yancey and Leyton Yancey.

² BLWt2467-200 Lt. issued Sept. 5, 1796, No Papers

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July 1st 1793 Jacob Layton Yancey



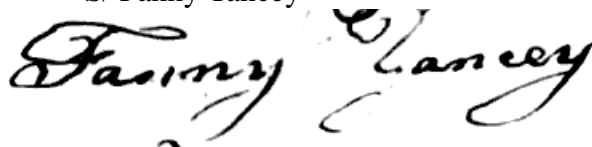
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State of Virginia – Rockingham County: SS

On this 24th day of August 1838, personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for said County of Rockingham and State aforesaid, Fanny Yancey, aged 67 years on the 17th of May last, a resident of said County and State, 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 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Leighton Yancey, who was a Captain in the Virginia Continental Line in the War of the Revolution and for proof of which she relies on public documents. She further declares that she was married to said Leighton Yancey on the 17th of December 1788. That her husband the aforesaid Leighton Yancey died on the 4th of April 1813. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service; but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated.

S/ Fanny Yancey



Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before me, a justice as aforesaid
S/ Wm B. Yancey, J. P.

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An Act

Directing the Register of the Land Office to issue a Land Warrant to Layton Yancey
Passed the January the 12th 1798

Whereas it is represented, that during the late war, Layton Yancey served as a Lieutenant in the first Regiment of light dragoons, commanded by Colonel Theodorick Bland, and that he afterwards became entitled to the rank of a Captain, but that before he obtained a commission as such, the treaty of peace was concluded, in consequence of which, he has only received the bounty of land allowed to a Lieutenant, and it is reasonable that he should be allowed a bounty proportionate to his services:

Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly That the Register of the Land Office be, and he hereby is directed, to issue to the said Layton Yancey a warrant for one thousand three hundred and thirty-four acres and one third of an acre of land, it being the difference between the bounty allowed a Lieutenant and that of a Captain.

This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

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This is to Certify, that it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to the Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 12th day of May 1783, in the name of Leyton Yancey as Lieutenant of Cavalry for £330.17.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to French Strother, and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782. To wit – pay as Cornet from 1st January 79 to 1st June following and as Lieutenant from 1 June 79 to 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 15th day of May 1889.

S/ Jas. Heath, Auditor

[pp 7 & 58: Copy of the marriage bond dated December 12, 1788 issued to Layton Yancey to secure his marriage to Fanny Lewis daughter of Thomas Lewis of Rockingham County Virginia.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$400 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 for her husband service as a Lieutenant in the cavalry in the Virginia Continental line.]

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

I do hereby Certify that Lieutenant Layton Yancey entered the Service the first day of January 1779. Has remained in the Service successively till the end of the War.

February 16th 1784

S/ James Williams, Captain

1st Virginia Regiment

S/ John Greene, Lieutenant Colonel, 6th V. R.

I hearto certify that Lieutenant Laton Yancey was appointed an officer in the Light Horse Continental Service the first of January 1779 – has continued ever since. Given under my hand this [paper damaged and date compromised] of March 1784. This is the second certificate

S/ John Green

Late Colonel 6th V. R.

I do hereby certify that Lieut. Layton Yancey entered
the Service the first day of January 1779. Has
remained for the Service successively till the end of
the war. July 16th 1781.

James Williams Capt.
1st Light Dragoons
John Green, Lt. Col.
6th U. S.

This is to certify that Lt. Layton Yancey was appointed an officer
in the 1st Light Dragoons the first of January 1777
and continued in the same until the end of the
war of 1781. This is the record.

John Green
Lt. Col. 6th U. S.

[another file]

Goochland County January first, 1812

I do Certify that Layton Yancey entered the first Regiment of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment sometime in the first of the year 1777 as a Cadet and in the year 1779 was appointed lieutenant in the said Regiment and continued in the same until the end of the war.

S/ Thomas Pemberton, Late
Captain first Light Dragoons

James O. Caswell, Jan 11, 1812
I do hereby certify that Leighton Yancey entered the first
Regt. of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment
some time in the first of the year one thousand seven
hundred and seventy seven in rank of a lieutenant and in the year
one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine was
advanced to the rank of captain and continued in
the same until the end of the war.
Thomas Pemberton, Secy
of the Land Office

[another file, this one under the name Leighton Yancey]

Leighton Yancey on the 12th of April 1784 obtained his bounty of land for 3 years service amounting to 2666 2/3 acres, and on the 22nd of May 1779 he obtained 1334 1/3 acres more; it being the difference between the rank of lieutenant and captain. This last allowance was granted by a special Act of Assembly
Land Office
December at 11, 1811

S/ Thos. Blagrove