

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Lambert W8021 Nancy Lambert VA
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State of Virginia }
Bedford County }

On this day of August 1832. personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County court of Bedford now sitting Charles Lambert a resident of Russell parish in the county of Bedford & State of Virginia, aged 77 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 7, 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Militia under Capt. James Buford – the Lieutenant he cannot recollect, but the ensign was William Rainfro [sic: William Renfro] – and marched to Williamsburg Virginia, & from thence he was ordered by Governor [Patrick] Henry under the command of Col. William Christian to Holstein [sic: Holston] River to fight the Cherokee Indians [at Long Island near present Kingsport TN]; where we were met by Conastota [sic: Oconostoto], an Indian Chief, & a treaty concluded between him & Col. Christian [Treaty of Long Island, 20 Jul 1777]; & a part of the army was then sent home, of whom he was one – but he cannot recollect the precise time at which he was discharged. He was discharged by Col. Christian at the Long Island on Holstein.

After returning home, he again volunteered – the time he cannot recollect – in a troop of horse under the command of Capt. John Callaway in Campbell County Virginia [sic: formed from Bedford County in 1782] – furnishing his own horse, arms & uniform, & marched to Petersburg to oppose the British, who had about that time landed at Cabin point [in Surry County]. His Lieutenant he cannot recollect – his ensign was Owen Price. His troop was received into the regiment commanded by Col. Bannister [sic: John Banister], whose Major was Philip Holcombe. The regiment was commanded by Gen'l. Robert Lawson – the regular army at Petersburg was commanded by Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. He remained at Petersburg sometime how long he does not recollect, nor does he know any person now living by whom he can prove the [illegible word] but he returned from Petersburg as soon the British retreated. He was discharged by Gen'l. Lawson

Sometime after returning home, at what time he cannot recollect, he volunteered in Bedford, the county in which he then lived, in a company commanded by Capt. James (John) Cottrell [John Cotterall] to guard the Tories in the town of New London in Campbell county, Virginia. he remained in this service, he supposes, at least three months, if not more – for he enlisted for an indefinite period, so long as he should be wanting. He was discharged by Col. James Callaway, the Col. of Bedford.

In the year of 1781, he was drafted from Capt. Charles Gwatkin's [sic: Charles Gwatkins's] company of militia in Bedford County Virginia, the day and the month he cannot recollect, & marched thro' Pittsylvania County Virginia to Guilford court house, North Carolina. No Capt. being called for he marched with Lieutenant Millam [sic: William Milam] & ensign [Thomas] Logwood, and joined the regiment commanded by Col. Charles Lynch, & Major John Callaway, & attached to the brigade of Gen. Robert Lawson. the time at which he joined the army [commanded] by Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene, he cannot recollect. Here again, in addition to the duties as a private, he discharged the duties of quarter master to the regiment until they joined the main army. At the time the battle of Guilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], he was ordered to take the baggage from Guilford to Troublesome Iron Works. His time of service expired being three months – before the battle of Guilford, but he remained in service until the British retreated, and he was discharged at Ramsaur's Mills [sic: Ramsey's Mill on Deep River]. The time he cannot recollect – but he thinks it was in the spring of 1781, by Col. Lynch. He got a written discharge every time he was discharged, but they have been long since lost. He was born in Albemarle County Virginia in May 1754. The record of his age is now in Bedford County Virginia at the home of his brother, George Lambert [pension application S8810]. He lived in Bedford County when he

entered the service. he has lived in Richmond City Henrico Hanover & Bedford Counties since the revolution, & now resides in Bedford County. The length of time he served, he cannot recollect, but he supposes it could be less than nine months. He always (served) until regularly discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

C. Lambert

[Certified by William Harris, a clergyman, and John A Price.]

I George Lambert of Bedford county Virginia, a soldier of the revolution, do hereby certify that Charles Lambert was i the militia of Virginia, in the year 1776, at Williamsburg in a minute company commanded by James Buford, but how long he served at that time, I cannot say – that sometime afterward he was in a company to guard the tories at New London in Campbell county Virginia, but cannot say how long he served – that he went to Petersburg in a troop of horse and was afterward drafted as a militia man to Guilford North Carolina, but cannot how long he served. Given under my hand the 30th Aug. 1832
George Lambert

State of Virginia }
Bedford County } SS.

On this 28th day of January 1833. personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County court of Bedford, now sitting, Charles Lambert, a resident of Russell parish, in the county of Bedford, & State of Virginia, aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amended declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the Untied States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated – That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the militia, in Bedford Co. Va., where he resided, the last of August, or first of September, 1776, and marched from New London then in Bedford county, now in Campbell, as one of a minute company, to Williamsburg, a distance of 180 miles – James Buford was his captain, and William Rainfro, his Lieutenant – does not recollect his ensign – A few days after his arrival in Williamsburg, he was ordered by Gov. Henry to go with a regiment of militia, under the command of Colo. William Christian of the 1st. Regiment of the Va. line, against the Cherokee nation of Indians in the south western part of Virginia. He marched back to New London & proceeded upwards of 200 miles farther on to the Long Island in Holstein River. After their arrival, the principal chiefs of the Indians, with Conastoto at their head, came with a flag of truce, & concluded a treaty with Colo Christian. He was then discharged by Colo. Christian, but he does not know what has become of his discharge. He cannot tell how long he was engaged in this tour. it was very cold weather when he returned, and he must have been in the service at least three months. Does not recollect any regular officer, who was with the troops, except Col. Christian, nor any continental regiments or companies. He has no documentary evidence of his services. There was a militia regiment from Georgia in this expedition against the Indians, commanded by Col. David Maxwell.

Again, the first of February. (the precise day he cannot recollect) 1781, he was drafted into the service of the United States, in Bedford Co. Va., where he then resided, from Capt. Charles Gwatkın's company of militia – no captain being called for from the company, he marched under Lieutenant William Millam, & ensign Thomas Logwood, from Bedford, thro' Pittsylvania County Va, Caswell [County] (N. C) into Guilford, North Carolina, where they united with the army under Gen'l. Greene about the first of March. His field officers were Colo. Charles Lynch, and Maj. John Calloway. His regiment was attached to the Brigade of Gen'l. Robert Lawson. He was not in the battle, which took place near Guilford Court house on the 15th of March, because he was ordered to move the baggage from Head Quarters to Troublesome Iron Works, about 9 miles distant, & was engaged in that duty when the battle occured. He pursued the British, after the battle, on their retreat, until Cornwallis with his army crossed the Cape Fear River at Ramsaur's Mills. He recollects of the continental regiments with the

troops where he served, the 2^d. regiment of the Maryland line commanded by Col. [Otho Holland] Williams – Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Col. John Greene [sic: John Green], and a regiment of horse under Col. William Washington. He was engaged in this tour not less than two months – tho' from circumstances he is inclined to believe he was engaged a longer time. He was discharged in April by Col. Lynch, but has lost his discharge. From the time he entered the service (the first of February) until he joined Gen'l. Greene's army (the first of March) not less than one month, he served as quarter master to his regiment. His field officers during this tour, were Gen'l. Lawson, Col Lynch and Major Calloway. He has no documentary evidence of his services. The regular officers whom he knew, were Gen'l. Greene, Cols Jno Greene, ___ Williams, William Washington ___ [Samuel] Hawes, Capt. James Guinn & – Yarber [possibly Edward Yarborough of the North Carolina Regiment]. The North Carolina Militia were commanded by Gen'l. Sumner [sic: Gen. John Butler].

Again in June (the precise day not recollected) 1781, he volunteered in a troop of horse then raising for the United States service, in the County of Bedford Virg'a. under the command of Capt. John Calloway, and marched thro' Buckingham, Prince Edward, Lunenburg &c to Petersburg to oppose the British, who had about that time landed at Cabbin point near Petersburg. His cornet was Bowen Price. His troop was received into a regiment commanded by Col. Bannister & Maj. Phillip Holcombe. In this tour he was engaged not less that two months. He furnished his own horse, arms, & uniform. He was discharged as soon as the British retreated, by Gen'l. Lawson, but has lost his discharge. He was appointed by the capt. at the commencement of this tour, quarter master, or commissary (having to collect provisions &c & give his receipt for the same) and this appointment was confirmed by the Col., when he joined the regiment. He acted as quarter master until discharged. He has no documentary evidence of his services.

He entered the service of the Untied States in the fall of 1781 again (the precise day not recollected) as a volunteer, in Bedford County Va., where he resided, in a company commanded by Capt. John Cottrell to guard some Tories in the town of New London Virginia. He was engaged in this tour at least three months – for he volunteered for an indefinite period – as long as his services should be required. He was discharged late in the fall, or first of the winter by Col. James Calloway, Col. of Bedford County, but has lost his discharge. He has no documentary evidence of his services. There were no regular officers, nor continental, nor militia regiments with the troops this tour. The troops consisted only of Capt. Cottrell's company.

He refers to the affidavit of George Lambert to establish his services He served not less than the periods mentioned below, to wit – the first tour, not less than three months– the second tour not less than two months– the third tour, not less than two months– the fourth tour, not less than three months in all, ten months, for which he claims a pension.

In answer to interrogatories he states: 1. He was born in Albemarle County, Va. the 3^d. of May 1754
2. He has a register of his age, which is now at his brother George Lambert's, in Bedford County Va.
3. Lived in Bedford County Va. when he entered the service each time. He lived in Richmond City, Henrico, Hanover, & Bedford Counties, Va. since the revolution & now resides in Bedford Co. Va. –4. He entered the service in the manners stated in the declaration. –5. He refers to the body of his declaration for an answer 6– He refers to the body of his declaration for an answer –7– William Harris and John A. Price are persons, to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his revolutionary services.

There is some difference between this amended declaration and the declaration he made on the 30th of August last, occasioned by his being enabled to recollect dates & circumstances more perfectly at this time, from reflection & reference to records of events during the revolution &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state.

C. Lambert

NOTES:

On 11 Feb 1843 Nancy Lambert, 77, of Henrico County, applied for a pension stating that she married Charles Lambert in Hanover County about the year 1785, and that he died 7 Nov 1839. With her application was a copy of a bond signed 17 March 1785 by Charles Lambert and William Anderson, Jr. for the marriage of "Charles Lambert bachelor & Miss Nancy Snead, alias Jones." On 16 June 1843 Nancy Lambert was said to be about 76, and on 24 March 1849 she was said to be about 80.