

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Lackey W8023

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State of Tennessee }
County of Washington } SS.

On this 16th day of January 1829, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the county of Washington Thomas Lackey resident of said county, aged seventy years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st of May, 1820; that he the said Thomas Lackey enlisted for the term of eighteen months I entered on or about 1st day of March in the year 1781 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by captain [William Lewis] Lovely in the regiment commanded by colonel [Thomas] Gaskins in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the 1st December following when he was discharged from the service in consequence of disease in the State of Virginia; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: that tho poor, he has heretofore been able to subsist by manual labour, but is now so [illegible word] down with the gravel that he cannot subsist by labour

And, in pursuance of the act of the 1st May, 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That, since the 18th of March, 1818, the following changes have been made in my property. towit none: further that I am the owner of fifty two feet nine inches of ground in the town of Jonesborough Tennessee on which is Erected [illegible word] the Lay House, & I have a claim to one hundred & fifty acres of Land that there is a Suit against me for which [several illegible words] corn & twenty bushels oats
[signed] Thomas Lackey

State of Tennessee }
Green [sic: Greene] County } On this 11 day of February 1829, personally appeared before me
County the subscriber Lewis Wills [pension application W1018] & made oath that he was in the
continental service with the within named Thomas Lackey & marched with him from Winchester Va. the
whole route & messed with s'd Lackey, & well knows him to be the same person who served in Capt
Lovelys Company in Gaskins regement from the spring of 1781 to the month of December following
being more than nine successive months, and was then discharged in consequence of sickness when the
troops were ordered to the State of Georgia, s'd Lackey being unable to go which discharge was given by
a superintendant of General Washington, & by his orders. Sworn to & subscribed before me this day &
date above written. N.B. he was with us at the battle of Jamestown [Green Springs Plantation] on July 6
and at the Seige of Wallace [sic: siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781].

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On this 21st day of May 1829 personally appeared before me William P Chester chairman of the Court of Pleas & Quarter sessions for Washington County within the State of Tennessee Thomas Lacky the

declarant in the annexed declaration for pension & who is the subscriber hereto & made oath, by way of further explanation to his statement therein contained as to the time & manner of entering as well as leaving the service of the United States, that is said Declaration where he states that he entered the service "on or about the 1st of March 1781 that he states that date from the fact of his being certain that he joined the Army at Winchester on the 1st of March, having been furloughed after his enlistment which preceeded the said 1st of March. that he recollects distinctly being in service on the 1st of December afterwards, & positively states that he was in service more than nine months in succession, inclusive of the time he was sick, which he did not in his declaration compute as being in service tho part of his time. He refers to the statement of witness Wills annexed to his declaration also for proof of his being nine months in service.

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following information about a soldier with the surname Lackey, first name illegible: age 23, height 5' 6", brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, scar on left cheek, born in County Down, Ireland, residing in Berkeley County where he was drafted on 26 March 1781 for 18 months.

On 4 Sep 1837 Elizabeth Lackey, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Lackey on a 3rd of June (year unknown), that they lived in Berkeley County during the Revolutionary War, and that he was placed on the pension roll a few days before his death on 24 July 1829. Elizabeth Range stated that she had known Elizabeth Lackey before "she Runaway to Mary Thomas Lacky and... she heard Mr. Mcnight a presbytearan Minnister of the Gospel say he Mared her Elizabeth & Thomas Lacky &... that Elizabeth Lacky Boarded at her uncles while Thomas Lacky served his touer in the Revolutionary War & on Examining her famyly Record by the birth of One of her children she says she belives to the best of her knoledge it was about the year 1780 they were Mared."