

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Lavender W8025      Lucy Lavender      f110VA  
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State of Georgia Jackson County: SS

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1845, personally appeared before the subscribing Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County, Lucy Lavender a resident of the County of Jackson State of Georgia aged seventy-nine 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows;" That she is the widow of Charles Lavender who was a private soldier in the war of the Revolution, and served as much as three years in all, but owing to her forgetfulness she cannot state the precise length of his services nor the precise time when he went into the service, or left the same, but to the best of her recollection, his first service was rendered at the Barracks in Albemarle County Virginia guarding the British prisoners, as a substitute, but in whose place she cannot recollect, – in Colonel Merriwether's [possibly Thomas Meriwether's] Regiment, under Major Goodall; that she has often heard him speak of serving under Colonel Samuel Cavil [Samuel Cabell], but how long or whether as an enlisted soldier, drafted or volunteered she will not say, but that at one time he was gone so long that on his return home his mother did not know him, that he lived in Amherst County Virginia at the time he entered the service, and that most if not all his service was rendered in that State, but in what particular parts of the State she cannot recollect, but to the best of her recollection he was at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], but that she has no documentary evidence in support of the claim. She further declares that she was married to the said Charles Lavender on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1785. That her husband the aforesaid Charles Lavender died on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1802 in Edgefield District South Carolina. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 the is, at the time above stated, in Amherst County State of Virginia.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ Charles Witt, JIC

S/ Lucy Lavender, X her mark

[pp 9-10: A letter dated May 20, 1936 summarizing the contents of the documents in this file contains the following relevant portion:

*He [the veteran] was a native of Amherst County, Virginia, date of birth not given, nor all the names of his parents stated. His parents were living in Amherst County, during the Revolution.*

*While residing in Amherst County, Virginia, Charles Lavender enlisted early in the Revolution, served as a private in Colonels Meriwether's and Samuel Cabell's Virginia Regiment; he guarded prisoners at Albemarle Barracks, was in the battle at Brandywine and at the siege of Yorktown, length of service about two years.*

*He married in Amherst County, Virginia, Lucy (Lucinda) Ballew; their marriage bond was dated, December 21, 1785; they were both then of said Amherst County, and Charles Lavender was referred to as Charles Lavender, Junior.*

*After marriage they lived in North Carolina, and the soldier, Charles Lavender, was killed by a stroke of lightning, May 5, 1802, at which time they were living in Edgefield District, South Carolina.*

*The widow, Lucy Lavender, after her husband's death, moved to McDowell County, North Carolina, lived there about two years, moved to Spartanburg District, South Carolina, and in 1822, moved to Jackson County, Georgia. She stated in 1845 that she was 79 years of age, she died June 14, 1846 at the home of her son, Charles Lavender, in Jackson County, Georgia.*

*The pension due their mother, Lucy Lavender, was allowed to the following children – Simeon Lavender of Lamar County, Alabama, Willis Lavender of Choctaw County, Mississippi, and Charles Lavender who was 51 years of age in 1853, and living in Jackson County, Georgia.*

*William and Winston Lavender, brothers of the soldier, Charles Lavender, also served in the War of the Revolution.*

*The widow's father, his name not stated, was a resident of Edgefield District, South Carolina in 1789. Joseph Ballew, brother of the widow, was 86 years of age in 1854 (born in Amherst County, Virginia) then living in McDowell County, North Carolina, stated that his brother, John Ballew, enlisted with Charles Lavender, and was killed early in the Revolution.*

*William C Lavender and John E Lavender were both in 1855 residing in Jackson County, Georgia; the said John E Lavender referred at that time to Simeon Lavender as his uncle.*

[p 6: Copy of a marriage bond dated December 21, 1785 issued in Amherst County Virginia to Charles Lavender Junior & John Taliaferro, bondsmen, conditioned upon the marriage of Charles Lavender Junior, bachelor, to Lucy Ballaw, Spinster of Amherst County.]

[Veteran's widow was awarded a pension of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1843 & ending June 14 1846 based on her husband's service as a private in the Virginia service.]