

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Lewis W8044

Mary Curtis Watson

f69VA

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State of Virginia; County of Tyler

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before Robert Gorrell, Thomas Inghram, John B. Lacy & James S. Birkhead justices of the Peace constituting the County Court of Tyler now sitting. Jacob Lewis, a resident of the said county of Tyler & State of Virginia aforesaid aged Seventy Seven years the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April last past, 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<sup>th</sup>. 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit, That in the year 1775 he was an Ensign in the Virginia Militia duly commissioned residing in Berkeley County of said State. That he volunteered & served as a private in the service of the United States for three months under Captain George Scott, that he rendezvoused at Martinsburg Virginia, from thence he marched through the following towns, to wit, Sharpsburg, Maryland, Frederick town Maryland, Little York Pennsylvania, Lancaster Pennsylvania, City of Philadelphia & Georgetown Pennsylvania where the Company halted about ten days or two weeks, until they drew their arms – thence to Morristown in the State of New Jersey, where they went into winter quarters, being quartered about amongst the Inhabitants in the neighborhood of Morristown and Baskin Ridge and Lord Sterling's Quarters, around which he frequently during the winter stood guard.

That during this winter of the British were quartered at Brunswick in said State of New Jersey, & that about the last of February four or five Companies (of which is Company was one) volunteered to go & attacked them in their winter quarters, that a Captain Thurston of Brunswick County Virginia, commanded the Expedition that in the attack his messmate Hugh Hunter was killed, that he does not recollect the loss on the American side, But recollects that a British deserter told him afterwards, that the British lost about fifty men.

That in this Service he was five months or thereabouts from the time he rendezvoused at Martinsburg until he was discharged at Baskin Ridge.

That about the beginning of the summer of the year 1776, he being then still an Ensign in the Virginia militia, in the County of Berkeley, he was detailed as an Ensign for a Tour of duty. That he served as Ensign as aforesaid in a Company commanded by Captain James Buckels [James Buckles] under Major William Morgan, that he rendezvoused at Martinsburg Virginia & was marched to Fort Pitt, now Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, thence to what was called Raritan Bottom Fort, on the Ohio River, below Fort Pitt, where he staid three months & received a discharge from the service at Fort Pitt. In this campaign he was absent from home in the United States service from the time of the Rendezvous at Martinsburg, until his return four months or more; that in this Campaign the company to which he was attached was not full & the Pay master (whose name he has forgotten) in consequence thereof refused to pay Captain Buckels, or any of his subaltern officers, more than a common Soldier's pay,

which they indignantly refused to receive, but that he being Poor & penniless was compelled to receive it in order to enable him to return home, and that he has not received any other Compensation for this service, than that above named, although so justly entitled to it.

That in about three weeks after he returned home from the last campaign, there was a draft of militia in the County of Berkeley of that in this requisition one William Bramson was drafted, for whom he substituted in a company commanded by Captain Ambress or Ambrose attached to a Regiment commanded by a Lieutenant Col John Morrow. That he rendezvoused at Martinsburg & marched to & reported at McIntosh's Fort at the mouth of Big Beaver Pa from thence he was marched to & helped to build Fort Lawrence [sic, Fort Laurens] on the Tuscarawa [Tuscarora River] a water of the Big Muskingham [sic, Muskingum River] in the then Northwestern Territory where he remained three months & was marched back to Fort McIntosh where he was discharged that in his service he was engaged from the time he left Martinsburg until his return—Five Months; that he received regular discharges each time he was in the service which he lost, together with his commission of Ensign many years after the close of the Revolutionary War by having his house burnt with all its contents—That in the foregoing declaration he may be mistaken as to the precise year the service was performed in, which is only stated to the best of his recollection but in the service itself he has a pretty positive recollection.

That while in the service of the first campaign he was acquainted with General Washington & Lord Sterling & while in the western campaign he was acquainted with General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], Col Gibson [probably Lieutenant Colonel John Gibson], Col. Crawford [William Crawford], Col. Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead], Major Leath [perhaps William Leth], Brigade Major, Capt. John Lyle, Capt. Ephraim Weatherington [probably Ephraim Worthington], John Cave adjutant & Nathaniel Linder Quarter Master that he cannot recollect the numbers or names of any continental or militia regiments with which he served.

That he was born in Berkeley County Virginia the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1755, had a record of his age which was destroyed when his house was burnt. That since the Revolutionary War he has resided in Virginia except about two years at Union Town Pennsylvania—That he ha no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service.

That he is acquainted with the Reverend Thomas Jones, Benjamin Brewer, John Dare, John Adams & others of his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his service in the revolution. He hereby relinquish his every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity but the present & declares that his name in not on the Pension Roll of any State. Sworn to an d subscribed the day they aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Lewis, X his mark

[Thomas Jones, a clergyman, and Benjamin Brewer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the Peace in & for the County of Tyler & State of Virginia Jacob Lewis who, being duly sworn, deposeseth & saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: for ten months I served as a Private. For four months, I served as an Ensign; and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Jacob Lewis



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State of Virginia, Ohio County

This day personally appeared before me the Subscriber a justice of the Peace in & for said

County and the State aforesaid James Curtis,<sup>1</sup> aged Eighty years, (who I hereby certify to be a credible person) who being sworn according to law deposeth & saith, that he was well acquainted with Jacob Lewis (now of Tyler County Virginia) during the Revolutionary War & ever since. That Deponent lived near to & was intimately acquainted with said Lewis, that said Lewis & Deponent belonged to a company of militia in the County of Berkeley in the State of Virginia aforesaid, commanded by Captain Isaac Evans & Lieutenant Joseph Evans, of which Company, the said Jacob Lewis was Ensign, duly commissioned & qualified. That Deponent done Militia duty in said Company from about the commencement of the Revolutionary War to the closed thereof – that during all which time, the said Jacob Lewis acted as Ensign of said Company (except when out in service) and Deponent well recollects of the said Jacob Lewis's being detailed & serving a Tour against the Western Indians, about the year 1776 or 1777 as an Ensign, in a company commanded by Captain Buckels, of the Berkeley Militia. That Deponent lived as before stated, a near neighbor to said Lewis, was very intimate with him, being a brother-in-law of said Lewis's, & had frequent opportunities to see & did see the said Jacob Lewis's Commission as Ensign, & knows that he was detailed & served a Tour as such in the revolutionary War as aforesaid. Deponent further saith, that in a former deposition by him given, that, in addition to the foregoing service, he knew the said Lewis to volunteer & serve one Tour as a private & one Tour as a substitute for one William Bramson, in the War aforesaid. And further this Deponent saith not.

S/ James Curtis



Sworn to & subscribed before me the Subscriber a justice of the Peace in & for said County this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1834.

S/ Jno Brady, JP

[Richard Parker, on August 20, 1853, in Tyler County, Virginia, gave affidavit that he is the brother of Mary Lewis, widow of Jacob Lewis [and also widow of her first husband, William Watson, a veteran of the War of 1812]; that affiant was present at the marriage of his sister, Mary, to Jacob in the winter of 1816-17 by William Wells, Esqr., in Tyler County, Va.]

[p. 14, affidavit dated February 8, 1819, in Tyler County, Va., of Elizabeth Parker and Ralph Gorrell, as witnesses to the marriage of William Watson, now deceased, to Mary Watson 23 years previous; details their knowledge of Watson's services in the War of 1812; details the children of William and Mary Watson as follows: Frances Watson, aged 14 as of 15<sup>th</sup> June 15, 1814; William Watson aged 10 years the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1814; David Watson, aged 8 years the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1814; Nancy Watson aged 6 years the 11<sup>th</sup> August 1814; Mary Watson aged 4 years the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1814; Prudence Watson aged 2 years the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1813; & “that she (Mary Watson) was delivered of a male child on 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1814”; that Mary Watson, widow, married Jacob Lewis on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1816.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died in Tyler County, Va., on June 23, 1840 or June 29, 1843; he married Mary Curtis Watson, widow of William Watson, December 17, 1816 in Tyler County; Mary married William Watson in 1796 or 1797 in Greene County, Pa.; that William Watson died August 26, 1814; Mary died October 29, 1854.]

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1 Probably [James Curtis S39393](#), who filed his application for a pension while a resident of Lawrence County, Tenn.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Berkeley County Legislative Petitions: indexed under "Indians" and attributed to Buckles, James; Buckles, William; & Lewis, Jacob

To the Honourable the Speaker and Delegates of the House of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia the Petition of Capt. James Buckels [James Buckles] and Lieut. William Buckels [William Buckles] & Ensign Jacob Lewis of Berkeley County humbly

Sheweth

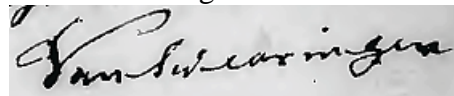
That on ye 25 April 1778 that ye County Lieutenant of Berkeley drafted one hundred & thirty-five men one Major Three Captains and Subalterns to Complete ye said Companies and your petitioners was appointed to Command one of ye said Companies and Agreeable to that Appointment we marcht [marched] to Ohio and Served as Captain & Ensign four months & as Lieut. three months & half a Month at ye Expiration of ye said four months ye Major presented a pay Rool [roll] for three Companies to be Sined [signed] by General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] Commanding at Fort Pitt which was Refused to be Signed by ye General: By Reason only one hundred of ye men was Drafted marched which entitled only two captains Companies Pay by ye Late Acts of assembly therefore your Petitioners was under ye Necessity to agree to ye Signing ye Pay Roll by being reduced to Sergeants pay in Regard to Procure ye Private men their pay –

We ye Petitioners though not Blaming ye General as he complied with Laws of his Contry [Country]: think it a Grievance as we obeyed our Orders to be peticalized [sic, ?] and Cut Short of our pay knowing Indulgence of ye Same kind frequently to pass –

Therefore ye Petitioners [beg] Leave to ye honnours [Honors] to Judge ye Equity of ye Café Whethers [whether] ye Petitioners is entitled to full pay or abide by ye Late Acts of assembly which at ye time we marched we were Strangers to and we believe every Gentlemen will agree could ye Petitioners have been of the same service to our Contry by Staying at home we should have Chose it for our Ease and Profit & is Ever bound to pray &c

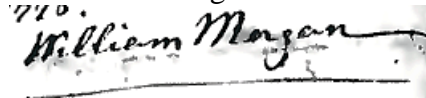
At the Request of Capt. James Buckels, Lieut. William Buckels and Ensign Jacob Lues [sic] I Certifie [Certify] that I received Orders to Send 135 Men to Joyn [join] General Hand at Fort Pitt & on 25 April 1778 I drafted ye above 135 men to March officered as above Certified from under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1778

S/Van Swearingen



At ye Request of Capt. James Buckels, Lieut. William Buckels & Ensign Lues [sic] I certify that ye above General marched under the command of Subscriber to ye Ohio as is set forth in ye above Petition and faithfully discharged their duty in an officer like manner and certify ye Grievance presented in ye above Petition to be fact as witness my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1778

S/ William Morgan



[Reverse]

Buckles's & al: Petition  
Referred to Claims

October 12, 1778

James Buckles Allowed Captain's Pay deducting Sergeants Pay which he has received 4 months

William Buckels [sic] Allowed – Lieutenant's Pay – deducting Sergeants pay for 3 ½ months

Jacob Lewis Allowed Ensign's pay deducting Sergeants pay for 4 months

James Buckels Capt. 120 days @ 8/Day	£48 –	Pay for four months
	<u>12</u>	Sergeants Pay at 2/Day deducted
	£36	Ball. [Balance]

Wm Buckels Lieut.'s 105 Days @ 5/5/Day	£28.8.9	Lieut.'s Pay for 3 ½ but Months
	<u>10.10</u>	deducted for Serjt's Pay rec'd
	£17.18.9	Balance

Jacob Lewis Ensign 120 Days @ 4/Day	£24	Ensign's Pay for 4 months
	<u>12</u>	deducted for Serjt's Pay rec'd
	£12	Balance

Reported