

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathew Lacy W8077

Susanna Lacy

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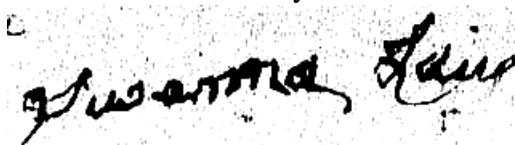
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State of Virginia Goochland County Sct

On this 7th day of March 1838 personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the peace and a Judge of the Court of the said County being a Court of Record, Susanna Lacy, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged eighty-eight 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 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Mathew Lacy, who was a second Lieutenant in the militia of the County of Goochland, during the Revolutionary War. That to the best of her belief said Lacy was drafted and served one month at the Albemarle Barracks in guarding the British prisoners in the early part of the summer of 1779. That in the fall of the same year on the 30th of September he was again drafted and served another tour of the same length at the same place in the same duty. And that in both these tours said Lacy was second Lieutenant under Humphrey Parrish Captain and Frank Taylor [Francis Taylor] Colonel. That in the fall of 1780 said Lacy was again drafted and marched in the militia from the said County under Humphrey Parrish Captain as second Lieutenant to the lower Country, marched through Chesterfield to Osborne's, then to Shirley [Shirley Hundred] to Holt's forge to Sandy Point and to Cabin Point and was discharged, and that in this tour said Lacy served two months as Lieutenant as aforesaid. That in the spring of 1781 early in the spring said Lacy was again drafted from the militia of said County and marched as second Lieutenant under Captain Humphrey Parrish to the lower Country to guard the Country from the Enemy who were then in it. Was at Cox fishing shore when the Enemy were seen in the River, and there was some firing of cannon and small arms. Marched backwards and forwards as far up as Richmond and was there when the Enemy were at Manchester. And that in this tour he served two months and was discharged. That after performing this tour said Lacy was detailed by Colonel Parrish to act as Lieutenant as aforesaid in the Commissary Department and in this Capacity was Employed for three months in collecting provisions and forwarding them to the Army. And that while in this office said Lacy was present at Hickory Neck Church at the time of battle of James Town, and saw the wounded of Wayne's Army brought there. That it is represented that at the commencement of the Revolution the militia of Goochland were organized by the County Court and she does not know that any officers in the County were commissioned. After diligent inquiry she has been unable to find any Com'n to her said husband and that she has no documentary evidence. That she is so far advanced in life and consequently has lost her memory to such a degree and moreover suffered so much during the Revolution when her husband was fully half of his time from home, and she left with a family of small children, unprotected and unassisted, and at last ill. That her recollection of these transactions is very confused and

imperfect. She well knows that her husband did months service which she is unable to particularize but to the amount stated she issuer he served. She may be unable to procure for testimony to these facts, and will only expect to be allowed for such as she may prove. She further declares that she was married to the said Mathew Lacy on the 8th day of April 1775. That her husband the aforesaid Mathew Lacy died on the 7th day of March 1823. And that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/Susanna Lacy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susanna Lacy". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Virginia Hanover County Sct.

On this 25th day of June 1838, before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Edmund Gilman a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy-six years and a credible person and made oath that in the time of the revolution, he served a tour of duty in the militia from the County of Hanover with Mathew Lacy whose widow applies for a pension on account of said Lacy's service. That they were in the same Regiment though as Lacy came from a different County from this affiant, they were not in the same company or mess. That owing to the lapse of time and decay of memory he cannot recollect the particulars of the tour, but he distinctly remembers Lacy from the circumstance that his brother Charles Lacy went from the same County with this affiant in that tour, and he thinks, was his messmate, and he often saw Mathew Lacy with his brother.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me
S/ Wm Wingfield, JP

S/ Edmund Gilman¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edmund Gilman". The signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

State of Virginia Goochland County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Anthony Layne,² a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy-nine years and a credible person and made oath that he has known Mrs. Susanna Lacy the widow of Mathew Lacy deceased from his earliest recollection. That the said Susanna intermarried with the said Mathew some years before the Revolutionary War though he cannot specify the day of their marriage. That when he was put on the muster roll in the early part of the Revolutionary War, he was enrolled in a company in the said County of which Joley Parrish [Tolley Parrish³] was first the Captain and afterwards Humphrey Parrish was Captain and the said Mathew Lacy was a Lieutenant in said Company, and so continued for many years. And that he has heard that said Mathew was in service in the time of the Revolutionary War, but he does not remember serving with him. He has heard that at some occasion at the Albemarle Barracks said Lacy was invited

¹ FPA S8565

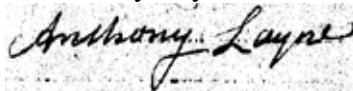
² FPA S8822

³ Gwathmey lists this veteran's name as Tolley Parrish but the affidavits in this file would lead to the conclusion that his name was Jolly or Jolley Parrish.

to play on the fiddle for some gentlemen, and said Lacy's friends [indecipherable word or words]⁴ it for he was a very indifferent player. And that to the best of his belief said Mathew died on the 7th of March 1823.

Sworn and subscribed the 7th day of March 1838 before me
S/ Henry Massie

S/ Anthony Layne



State of Virginia Goochland County Sct.

Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County John Richards a resident of the County aforesaid aged eighty-four years, and a credible person, and made oath That he knows that Mrs. Susanna Lacy for whom an application is to be made for a pension intermarried with Mathew Lacy deceased some years before the Revolutionary War and has several children at the commencement of said War for he married a sister of said Mrs. Lacy himself. And that to the best of his knowledge, said Mathew was Lieutenant of the Company of Goochland Militia under the Parrishes during and after the Revolutionary War. That in the spring or summer of 1779, he knows that a company of Militia from said County served a tour of one month at the Albemarle Barracks, which company was commanded by Humphrey Parrish Captain and his officers, though he hired a substitute and did not serve the tour himself and therefore does not know of his own knowledge that said Lacy served the Tour, but he verily believes that he did in his capacity of a Lieutenant. That he has often heard the said Lacy served in the Revolutionary War. And has often heard said Lacy speak of being at a place called Hickory Church where [several words too faint to discern] Wayne. The said Lacy was engaged about this time in obtaining cattle, and frequently came to a pasture [line of text written too small and too faint to discern] from the Battle of Jamestown to that place and being then stripped [indecipherable word] of his father by Colonel Parrish and carried them to the Army. That he remembers that said Lacy has been dead some [indecipherable number] years and he verily believes he died on the day mentioned in Layne's affidavit.

S/ John Richards⁵



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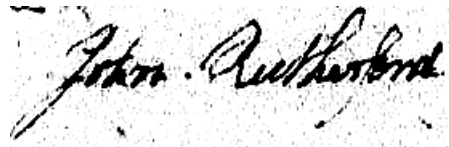
Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County John Rutherford a citizen of Louisa County & state of Virginia upwards of seventy-eight years and a credible person, and being duly sworn according to law made oath that Susanna Lacy for whom an application is to be made to obtain a pension intermarried with Mathew Lacy late of the County aforesaid on the 8th day of April 1772, and he was present at this with marriage. That said Lacy was second Lieutenant in the company of Goochland militia in which this affiant mustered, before and during the Revolutionary War of which Jolly and afterwards Humphrey Parrish were captains. That in the spring or early in the summer of 1789 [sic], this affiant served


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⁵ [John Richards S15967](#)

a tour of one month at the Albemarle Barracks under Captain Humphrey Parrish, and though he cannot distinctly remember said Lacy he is convinced by many circumstances that said Lacy served said tour as Lieutenant. That in the fall of the same year he knows that said Lacy served a tour as Lieutenant aforesaid at the same place of six weeks at least for this affiant remembers seeing Lacy passed through his father's yard on his way and knows that he was absent for that period. And that in the fall of 1780 this affiant served a tour of duty of two months at least in the Goochland militia service Captain Humphrey Parrish in the country below Richmond and that said Lacy served said tour as Lieutenant as aforesaid. That early in the spring of 1781 this affiant served another tour of two months at least when all the militia from the said County were called out, marched under Captain Perished from Goochland across James River at Westham, then to Shirley and the Malvern Hills, and through that country and although he has no distinct recollection of seeing said Lacy, he is under the impression that he served said tour as Lieutenant. And that after completing this tour he served with said Lacy in the Commissary Department under Colonel Jolly Parrish. The said Lacy was an officer in that Corps, and had command of a detachment. They were engaged in driving in collecting cattle, took every 10th animal from each proprietor in all the adjoining counties and delivered them at Goochland Court house and probably at other places. That they were enlisted by Colonel Parrish and served under military command and never received any wages. That this affiant served he supposes about two months when he was taken ill of an ague and was left at home. And that said Lacy continued in the Service and served he is sure at least one month longer he thinks till the surrender at York making at least three months as Lieutenant. And this he knows from having lived in the neighborhood in which said Lacy's family resided and said Lacy now and then coming home to see his wife who was ill. That said Lacy departed this life on or about the 7th of March 1823 and that the said Susanna has continued since unmarried.

S/ John Rutherford

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Rutherford". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

Virginia Goochland County Sct.

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Richard Toler⁶ a citizen of the County aforesaid aged seventy-seven years and a credible person and made oath that he lived in his youth in the same neighborhood with Matthew Lacy late of the County of Goochland aforesaid on account of whose service in the War of the Revolution his widow Mrs. Susannah Lacy applied for a pension. That immediately after this affiant became sixteen years of age, he was put on the muster roll in a company of militia in said County of which Jolly Parrish was Captain. That at the first muster, this affiant attended the Captain seemed to become offended with him and by way of punishment fixed on him to perform a tour of service in discharge of the division as he understood that Captain had a right to do. That the tour was to be performed as he learned at the South and his friends supposed would be a hard one. That said Mathew Lacy as soon as he heard the sentence of the Captain went the same day to this affiant's father, told him of the sentence, and advised him to cause the affiant to enlist in the regular troops raised to guard the prisoners at the Albemarle Barracks and so exempt himself

⁶ [Richard Toler W6299](#)

from the tour to which he had been condemned, and that he did so. That he distinctly recollects that said Lacy was at that time an officer of the grade called Commission Officers but whether 1st or 2nd Lieutenant he cannot say. That this affiant marched to the Barracks in the spring of 88 [sic], and in consequence of an accident did not return till the summer of 80 [?] so that he did not know how much said Lacy served but when he did return he remembers that said Lacy was employed in getting provisions for the Army and although he did not inquire under what authority he was acting – he supposed it was under the orders of Colonel Parrish who he learned was a Commissary. And that this affiant was raised in the same neighborhood with John Rutherford who has given an affidavit in support of said claim and has always known him. And that he has always considered him a man of the strictest honesty a person who might be forgetful, but would not state a falsehood.

Sworn and subscribed this 21st day of June 1838 before me
S/ Henry Massie, JP

S/ Rich'd Toler

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rich'd Toler". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$46.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 2 months and as an Ensign for 4 months in the Virginia service.]