

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Palmer (Palmore) W8083 Frances Lewis¹ f60GA
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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the third Section of the Act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836 & March 3rd 1837

State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

On this 3rd day of July, 1839, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Frances Lewis, a resident of said County and State, aged 80 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 at present the widow of Benjamin Lewis, and before her marriage to the said Lewis, was the widow of William Palmer, late of Prince Edward County, Virginia, who was a private soldier of Infantry in the Georgia Continental line in the war of the Revolution, and also a soldier of the militia in the Virginia service -- She does not pretend to know anything respecting her former husband's services except what she has heard from him in his lifetime, and the following to wit: That the said William Palmer or Palmore (for the name is differently spelled) in the year 1777, in the County of Prince Edward enlisted as a private soldier in the Georgia Continental line, under Captain Robert Walton and marched from Moore's ordinary to the South -- four companies rendezvoused at the same place, and marched at the same time to the South, to wit; the companies of Captain Robert Walton, Captain Jesse Walton, Captain Scott and Captain Glascock, all of whom she understood belonged to the 1st Regiment of the Georgia Continental line -- How long her husband enlisted, she is unable to recollect at this time, but knows very well, that he did not return home for 3 years or more -- That at the time the said William Palmer marched, she was engaged to marry him, and came to Moore's ordinary to see him march -- That on his return from the South, she did marry him in the County of Lunenburg -- That after marriage the said William Palmer was drafted in the County of Prince Edward Captain Michaux in the militia service of Virginia for 3 months, and served accordingly -- She claims a pension for the service of fifteen months, and all --

She further declares that she was married to the said William Palmer on the 5th day of June, 1781; that her husband, the aforesaid William Palmer, died on the __ day of __ 1789; that she was afterwards married to Benjamin Lewis, who died on the 31st day of July 1822: and, that she was a widow, on the 4th of July, 1836; and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed --

She further declares that she was married to the said William Palmer before his last term

¹ former widow

of service expired -- She has no documentary evidence, and relies in support of her claim, on the public Records and the accompanying certificates.

S/ Frances Lewis, X. her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 30th day of July 1839; I further certify, that from old age and bodily infirmity the said Frances Lewis cannot attend the County Court of Charlotte in order to make the foregoing Declaration -- I further certify, that she is a worthy, credible and respectable old lady, and her statement entitled to full confidence -- Given under my hand this 30th day of July, 1839 --

S/ Wm Deupree, JP

I Frances Lewis formerly widow of William Palmer, deceased, do hereby declare according to the best of my knowledge and belief that the paper hereto annexed, contains a true Register of the date of my marriage, which I supposed was lost, and recently found in the old Family Bible; there is no record known to me, of the ages of my children by my first husband, the said William Palmer -- My oldest child is 59 or 60 years of age.

S/ Frances Lewis, X. her Mark

[September 29, 1840]

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"William Palmer and Frances Westbrook was married 5 of June 1781"

The Order of the Books of the NEW TESTAMENT, with their proper Names, and Number of their Chapters.

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| M Matthew hath Chapters 28 | I. Timothy hath Chapters 6 |
| Mark 16 | II. Timothy 4 |
| Luke 24 | Titus 3 |
| John 21 | Philemon 1 |
| The Acts of the Apostles 28 | The Hebrews 13 |
| The Epistle to the Romans 16 | The Epistle of James 5 |
| I. Corinthians 16 | I. Peter 5 |
| II. Corinthians 13 | II. Peter 3 |
| Galatians 6 | I. John 5 |
| Ephesians 6 | II. John 1 |
| Philippians 4 | III. John 1 |
| Colossians 4 | Jude 1 |
| I. Thessalonians 5 | The Revelation of Saint |
| II. Thessalonians 3 | John the Divine 22 |

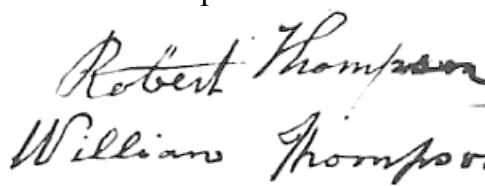
William Palmer and Frances Westbrook was married 5 of June 1781

Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

We Robert Thompson and William Thompson, do hereby certify, that we have been acquainted with Mrs. Frances Lewis, and the members of her family, for a great many years -- She had 4 children by her first husband William Palmer; and 5 children by her last husband Benjamin Lewis -- We honestly believe that her four children by her first husband, are aged as follows: Nancy, the eldest child, is about 58; Branch, about 55; Booker, about 52 & Woodson about 50. We further certify, that she married William Palmer in June 1781, being at the marriage; and that in July following, said Palmer was drafted under Captain Michaux, for three months, and marched to Yorktown. We were in the service with him, and know the fact.

S/ Robert Thompson

S/ William Thompson

Handwritten signatures of Robert Thompson and William Thompson. The signatures are written in cursive and are positioned above a vertical line.

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Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with William Palmer or Palmore in the Revolutionary War -- After his return from the South, in the month of June, 1781, he married by publication of bands Frances Westbrook, now widow of Benjamin Lewis, an applicant for a Pension -- Shortly after marriage, there was a heavy draft for soldiers to meet Cornwallis who was pressing on in direction of Yorktown -- The said William Palmer or Palmore was drafted in the militia under Captain Joseph Michaux from Prince Edward, for three months and marched to Yorktown -- He did not return until after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] -- That he served one tour of duty at Yorktown after his marriage, I have the most distinct recollection, being present at the time of marriage, and with him in the service --

S/ Coleman Palmore, X his mark

[October 7th, 1839]

[Wm Deupree, JP]

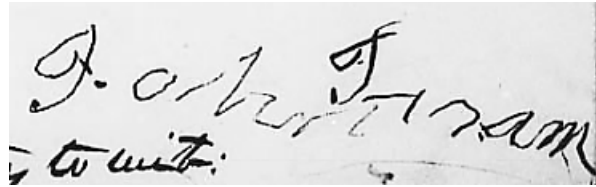
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Virginia: in Lunenburg County to wit:

John Fram² of Lunenburg, do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with William Palmer in the Revolutionary war; the said Palmer and myself being fellow soldiers in the same company, and Battalion -- We enlisted under Captain Robert Walton, in the early part of 1777, in the Georgia Continental service, for the term of 12 months; and that the month of March that year, marched to the State of Georgia -- We were stationed at different times, in Augusta, Savannah, Saint Augustine and other places, until our term of service expired, and were honorably discharged -- Colonel Habersham [Joseph Habersham] commanded the Battalion, it being the first Georgia Battalion -- The said William Palmer was a good soldier, and served his term faithfully -- I am 83 years of age, was a soldier of the Revolution and now a pensioner of the United States --

S/ John Fram

² [John Fram S41526](#)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Obadiah Hendrick" followed by "to wit:".

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State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I Obadiah Hendrick³ do hereby certify, that in 1777, I enlisted for the term of three years, under Captain Thomas Scott, whose company was attached to the third Georgia Battalion of Continental establishment, commanded by Colonels Rae and Screven and General Howe -- I well recollect (living at the time in same neighborhoods, and intimately acquainted) that William Palmer, in 1777, the early part, enlisted in the Georgia Continental service, for the term of 12 or 18 months, (I forget which) under Captain Robert Walton; and that 4 companies, to wit; Captain Scott's, Captain Robert Walton's, Captain Jesse Walton's and Captain Glascock's all belonging to the Georgia line, marched together from Moore's old Ordinary, to Savannah in Georgia, our headquarters -- Captain Robert Walton's company was attached to first Georgia Battalion, commanded by Colonel Habersham -- I know from personal knowledge, that said William Palmer, served his term of enlistment, faithfully, and was honorably discharged -- I recollect also, that in May or June 1781, the said William Palmer married Frances Westbrook (present widow of Benjamin Lewis, deceased) and that shortly afterwards, he was drafted in the Militia under Captain Michaux for the term of three months, and marched to Yorktown -- I was not with him in this service, but recollect the fact well, from the circumstance that he headed to march so shortly after marriage, and wanted to employ me as a substitute in his place -- I am in the 82nd year of my age, and a Pensioner of the United States --

S/ Obadiah Hendrick, X his mark

[November 23, 1840]

[S/ Wm Deupree, JP]

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Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify again, that I was well acquainted with William Palmer formerly of Prince Edward, and late of Charlotte, in the War of the Revolution, I recollect distinctly that said Palmer was married to said Frances the present widow of Benjamin Lewis, in the month of June, 1781, for I was present at the wedding, being a relation of said Palmer or Palmore; I also, recollect, that in July following, the said William Palmer, William Thompson, Robert Thompson and myself, were drafted for three months in the militia under Captain Michaux and marched to Yorktown -- These facts are clear and distinct in my mind, as if they occurred a few days since -- It was the only service in which I was engaged being too young prior thereto to be drafted in the Militia.

I have no Register of my age, but believe I am at this time about 75 or 76 years of age --

S/ Coleman Palmore, X his mark

[June 1, 1840]

[John Harvey JP]

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum for her husband service as a private in the Georgia Continental line and Virginia militia.]

³ [Obediah Hendrick S38017](#)