

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Levi Lowrey W8091 Martha fn41SC
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State of South Carolina Anderson District: Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of said District Levi Lowrey and after being duly sworn according to law Deposeth and saith that he the said Lowry was a regular soldier in the old revolutionary war in the Independent Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Tutt at Fort Rutledge, there was taken prisoner after serving 3 years or upwards and never was exchanged for until Cornwallis was taken to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 31st day of October 1828

S/ Levi Lowrey

State of South Carolina Anderson District: Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of said District John Looney¹ and after being sworn according to law Deposeth and saith that he was a Soldier at the same time and place with said Levi Lowrey and he believes the above affidavit to be true --

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 21st Day of October 1828

S/ John Looney

S/ Robert Holland

State of Georgia County of Jackson

On this 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the inferior Court of Jackson County Georgia (being a Court of record) now sitting Levi Lowrey a resident of said State and County aged 68 years, 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 7th 1832 --

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers as a private and served as herein stated.

In the year 1777 about the month of June then nearly thirteen years of age I was carried by my Father to the house of Captain Benjamin Tutt near Ninety Six in South Carolina and enlisted for three years under said Tutt as Captain of the independent Company of volunteers in the Militia. Richard Tutt was first Lieutenant. Thomas Farrer [Thomas Farrar] was 2nd Lieutenant & James Huggins Ensign -- after enlisting -- My Father, I Brother & myself immediately received each a furlough until the middle of September for the purpose of getting our crop on the expiration of our furlough we joined our Company at Fort Rutledge South Carolina. I was stationed at Fort Rutledge during the whole three years for which I enlisted except about three months towards the close of my term when I was stationed at Augusta --

¹ FPA S1553

during my service at Augusta, Charleston was taken by the British. I was again returned to Fort Rutledge and very shortly thereafter was surrendered up as a prisoner of war as I always thought under an agreement of the Officers in the Surrender of Charleston. I was paroled next day after the Surrender of the Fort, my parole being written on the back of my discharge. During my parole I removed (or rather was removed by my brother) to Burke County Georgia still considering myself a prisoner of war at the time of the Siege of Augusta by the Americans being threatened to be hanged by one McGirt [Daniel McGirt] a celebrated Tory commander unless I would join him and fight for the King. I joined the American forces under General John Twiggs in the Company of Littleberry Bostwick [Littleberry Bostic or Bostick] as Captain and was stationed ten miles below Augusta (during the siege of that place) at the mouth of Spirit Creek to prevent the British from coming from Savannah to the relief of Augusta -- during the siege we heard that the above named McGirt was to collect a company in Burke County at a particular place and I was sent among others to meet and give him battle there, but he never made his appearance and we returned to Spirit Creek and there remained until the fall of Augusta, after this I went over into South Carolina to Rambow's Mills and place myself under Captain Ryan who was stationed at that place, during this time I took a scout under one of the captains of that station (Captain Carter) down upon the Edisto River in pursuit of Tories but we found none. I remained until the fall of the year at Rambow's Mills, and then went to Wake County North Carolina and performed no more service during the war -- from there I removed after the war to Burke County Georgia afterwards to Jackson County Georgia where I have been living for upwards of thirty years, I was born in Wake County North Carolina on the first day of August 1764 -- I have a record of my age in my family Bible which I received from my relations, I was living in South Carolina about ten miles above Augusta Georgia when called into service my subsequent residence I have stated above -- I was enlisted in the service by my Father as stated before, and the reason of my being received it was on account of my Father and my older brother enlisting at the same time -- there were three other boys in the company at the same time not so large as I & two of them younger viz. Lewis Yarborough,² James Holmes,³ Simeon Justice⁴ all enlisted or put into service by their fathers as they told me. I was never drafted, nor ever a substitute for anybody -- my services after my 3 years service were all as a volunteer. I do not know that I ever was with any Continental Officers or regiments. I received a discharge from Captain Benjamin Tutt after I was taken prisoner as above stated which I have long since lost or destroyed -- upon my being taken prisoner the British officer to whom we were surrendered attempted to enlist me in the Royal service -- which I refused and he wrote a parole on the back of my discharge and ordered me off from the Fort, I served in the Independent Company 3 years 2 months and some few days including my parole and 4 months afterwards as a volunteer with the militia in South Carolina & Georgia together.

I name as persons in my present neighborhood who can testify to my character for truth and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution the following persons viz. -- David Witt, Edward Adams, Russell Jones, Frances Hobson, James Shields, Horatio Webb, William E. Jones, Sylvanus Ripley, John W. Glenn, Joseph Hampton etc.

I have no documentary proof to establish my claim nor any personal testimony except what is attached hereto. I have no claim to a pension or annuity other than this, nor is my name on the roll of any state agency in the Union.

² [Lewis Yarbrough W1120](#)

³ [James Holmes R5171](#)

⁴ [Simeon Justice W7946](#)

He states for reasons that lie he was not acquainted with any more Continental Officers at Fort Rutledge was situated in the Cherokee Country 40 or 45 miles from any white settlement the Indians were so troublesome at that time we could not spare any men from the Fort except a few that was sent to the Siege of Savannah at the latter part of my service I was at Augusta as before stated. General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] of the South Carolina Militia had the command at that time.

S/ Levi Lowrey

Sworn to & Subscribed before us this 3rd day of June 1833

S/ Edward Adams, JIC

S/ Nathaniel J. Jarrett, JIC

S/ Samuel Burns, JIC

[fn p. 27: John Pendergrass, a clergyman and William Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Jackson County: Personally came before Joseph Hampton one of the Judges of the Inferior Court for said County, Simeon Lowrey of the County of Burke and in said State who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he knows of his own personal knowledge that Levi Lowrey at present of the County of Jackson & State of Georgia did in the year 1778 he enlisted as a volunteer in the independent Company in the State of South Carolina near Ninety Six, under the command of Benjamin Tutt has Captain -- Richard Tutt first Lieutenant, Thomas Farrar 2nd Lieutenant, James Huggins Ensign & Nicholas Granrier [?] Sergeant Major -- Michael Shavers first Sergeant etc. The deponent sayeth further that he knows of his own knowledge that the said Levi Lowrey serve for 3 years as a soldier of the revolution & that he was surrendered to the British at Fort Rutledge (to Captain Smith of the British Army). This Deponent further saith that he lives at so great a distance from the County of Jackson that it would be inconvenient for him to attend a regular session of the Inferior court of said County to give the above testimony. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 17th September 1832

S/ Simeon Lowrey⁵

S/ Joseph Hampton, JIC JC

Georgia Franklin County: Personally came before me Robert A. R. Neal an acting Justice of the peace for said County Thomas Holmes after being duly sworn deposes and saith that he was in the Army with Levi Lowrey and his Brother Simeon Lowrey in the same Company at Fort Rutledge in the independent company in which we was enlisted for 3 years Benjamin Tutt was our Captain Richard Tutt first Lieutenant, Thomas Farrar 2nd Lieutenant James Huggins Ensign Nicholas Gleasure Sergeant Major Michael Shavers first Sergeant. Sworn to and subscribed before made this the 27th of September 1832.

S/ Robert A. R. Neal, JP

S/ Thomas Holmes, X his mark

Georgia Jackson County: Personally came into open Court Charles Gunter⁶ & being duly sworn deposes & saith that he was in the Army of the Revolution with Levi Lowrey & Simeon Lowrey & was with them in the same Company at Fort Rutledge in the Independent Company in which we were enlisted for 3 years Fort Rutledge was on Seneca River South Carolina under Benjamin Tutt Captain Richard Tutt first Lieutenant Thomas Farrow 2nd Lieutenant James Huggins Ensign

⁵ FPA S31826

⁶ [Charles Gunter W27550](#)

Nicholas Glaser Sergeant Major, Michael Shavers first Sergeant. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 2nd day of October 1832

Attest: S/ Sylvanus Ripley, Clk

S/ Charles Gunter, X his mark

[fn p. 5: on May 23rd, 1851 in Jackson County Georgia, Martha Lowrey, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Levi Lowrey who was a private in the war of the revolution and pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for his services in that war; that she married him in January 1799 in Burke County Georgia; that they were married by Simeon Lowrey, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Martha McCullers; that her husband died March 18 1847 in Jackson County Georgia; and that she remains his widow; that she has no private or family record of her marriage.]

[fn p. 15: on June 1, 1851 in Coweta County Georgia John Powell, 69, a resident of said County and state testified that he is the half brother of Martha Lowery of Jackson County Georgia, widow of Levi Lowrey deceased; that her maiden name was Martha and Wilson; that she was first married to David McCullers who died about February or march 1798; she afterwards married Levi Lowrey in Burke County Georgia in the month of January 1799 and they then removed to Jackson County Georgia about the year 1803.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for 2 years service while stationed at Fort Rutledge on Seneca River in South Carolina.]