

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Leeper S31819

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United States of America Territory of Arkansas County of Washington } SS

On this ninth Day of December in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Thomas P. Eskridge one of the judges of the Superior Court in and for the Territory of Arkansas and assigned by law to hold circuit Courts in and for the Third Judicial Circuit of said Territory of which the County of Washington composes a part, James Leeper a resident of the County of Washington and Territory of Arkansas aged Seventy two years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War under the command of General Lillington [John Alexander Lillington], General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], Colonel Andrew Hampton, Captain Joseph Neal, Lieutenant Peter Fornal [a/k/a Peter Forney], Ensign Jacob Glance and orderly Sergeant John Jenkins in the month of December 1799 [sic, 1779] and was discharged on the 24th March 1780, that he was in the service three months. That he resided in Lincoln County North Carolina and was drafted and marched from Charlotte in said State by the way of Camden to Charlestown South Carolina, and was not in any battle during the above time of service. And that he volunteered in the month of April 1780 under the command of Col. William Graham and Captained [sic] Cronicle [sic, William Chronicle] who was killed at Ferguson's defeat at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], and was discharged in October following after remaining in the service six months, during this time he was principally in Lincoln and Rutherford Counties North Carolina and that this service was in an expedition against the Tories of North Carolina. And that he substituted himself in the place of Matthew Leeper a resident of the County of Lincoln NC in the month of April 1781 under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Col. Thomas Polk, Captain Samuel Espy [Samuel Espey], Lt. John Abernathy and Marched from near his place of residence in the County of Lincoln to the hanging Rock in South Carolina by way of the Waxhaw meeting house in South Carolina and was discharged about the first of June following and was in the service one Month, and was not engaged in any battle. That he enlisted in what was called the ten months State Troops in July 1781 under the command of Col. Wade Hampton, Maj. Blooford¹, Capt. William McKinsey, Lieut. James Robinson, and Marched from near his residence in the County of Lincoln North Carolina to the interior of South Carolina and there passed from one

¹ Maj. James Rutherford was the major in Lt. Col. Wade Hampton's Regiment of SC State Troops. See [B397](#)

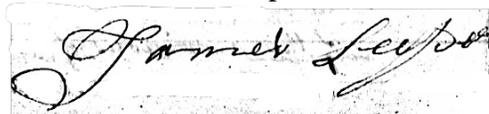
neighborhood to another, and after remaining in the service three Months was discharged by Major Blooford, and that he was drafted in the year 1781 and called into service under Col. Dixon (since General Dixon) [sic, Col. Joseph Dickson] & Capt. James White and hired Matthew Leeper as a substitute and he remained two Months in the service and was discharged both residents at that time of Lincoln County North Carolina.

And that there is no person in this Country by whom he can establish the above facts. Matthew Leeper,² Alexander Porter -- Matthew Armstrong,³ Joseph Hart, and Thomas M Lane were all residents of the County of Lincoln State of North Carolina they last I heard from them, They can if living testify to the same facts also Joseph Henry⁴ and Robert Henry both of Bunkin [Buncombe] County NC if living can testify to the same facts, and that he has no documentary evidence by which he can establish the above mentioned acts. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ B. H. Smithson, Clerk

S/ James Leeper

A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Leeper". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[John Cureton, a clergyman, Sebron G. Sneed & Lee C. Blakemore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories Propounded to the said James Leeper by the Court

Quest 1. Where and in what year were you born? -- I was born in Augusta County Virginia in September 1761.

Quest 3: Where were you living when you were called into service. Where have you lived since and where do you now live? -- I was living in Lincoln County North Carolina when I was called into the service of the United States, and since the Revolutionary War I have lived in Haywood County North Carolina, Franklin County Tennessee, Jackson County Alabama and I now live in Washington County Arkansas Territory.

X 2nd Have you any record of your age? -- I have no record of my age it was lost at the time of the sale of my father's estate.

4. How were you called into Service -- were you drafted. Did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a substitute for whom? --

I was drafted twice, enlisted once in what was then called the state troops, and at one time substituted for Matthew Leeper

5 -- State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops where you served; Such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service -- It is so long since the Revolutionary War that I cannot recollect the regular officers except General Lincoln, Major Dixon and Major Hogg. I do not recollect the names of any of the regiments either Continental or Militia. The [sic] ^{I recollect no} particular circumstance that transpired during my service except the Battle at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], but was not in the battle.

² [Matthew Leeper W26205](#)

³ [Matthew Armstrong S8035](#)

⁴ [Joseph Henry S8705](#)

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received two discharges from service one from Major Blooford and the other from Captain Jos. Neal, both of which are now lost. From the tour I served under Colonel Graham I was with many others dismissed without a Discharge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831.]