Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lee W380 Agness Lee f44VA
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[p 9]
State of Tennessee Cocke County

On this first day of February 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Agness Lee a resident of said County and State aged eighty-two 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of John Lee who was a soldier in the war of the revolution he enlisted as a regular for three years in Buckingham County in the State of Virginia and served two years & six months faithfully and was discharged another able-bodied man being received in his stead and 1780. He was drafted and entered the Services a second time and served six months and was again discharged. The names of the officer under whom he listed and served first was Captain John Morton as will appear from the certificate of said Morton Lieutenant James Morton the other officers not recollected his Captain under whom he served the second time was __ Campbell given name not recollected. His discharges was destroyed by fire. On the 21st day of August 1786 he sent to his Captain for a certificate as to his being a soldier and in the service of the United States the original certificate is hereto annexed and made a part of this declaration. She further declares that she was married to the said John Lee on the 18th day of February 1780. That her husband the aforesaid John Lee died on the 11th day of March 1832 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid John Lee previous to his last service.

S/ Agnes Lee [sic], X her mark

[p 10: Nancy Deewit [Nancy DeWitt?] gave testimony that Agness Lee and John Lee were married at the affiant's house in Buckingham County in the state of Virginia about 63 or 4 years ago. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 11]
State of Tennessee Cocke County:

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County Stephen Lee who being duly sworn according to law says that the following is a true copy of the original and dates of the record of his father's marriage and age of himself in his Father's own proper handwriting and the same is here filed and copied (viz.) John Lee was born November 7th 1749, Agnes Lee
was born September 6th 1761, John Lee and Agnes was married February 18th, 1780. Stephen Lee was born December 2nd 1780, Nancy Lee was born November 10th 1782, Polley Lee was born March 14th 1788, Hiram Lee August 1792

S/ Stephen Lee

[p 13: Certificate of the clerk of Buckingham County Virginia stating that he has made a thorough search of the records in his office and found no register of the marriage of John Lee and Agness Jennings but found a bond entered by John Lee and Neheimiah Evitt conditioned upon Lee's marriage to Agness Jennings.]

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Prince Edward County

I hereby certify that John Lee, who I am informed has moved out to the back Country on the Western Waters, Enlisted himself into the Continental Service under my command, and that
he served faithfully as a good Soldier until his friends employed a man to come to Camp, and 
take his place, in the said Service; who being an able-bodied man, was received in his room, and 
the said John Lee was honorably Discharged.
Given under my hand this 21st day of August 1786
Test
S/ John Morton
S/ William Anderson
S/ David Morton
S/ David Walker

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of $80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for 
her husband service as a private in the Virginia service.]