Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Cornelius Westfall R11333 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[Original documents were removed from the file by W. G. Singleton, a district attorney investigating a large number of fraudulent claims from Lewis and Harrison counties of present WV. See the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111) for further details.]

Cornelius Westfall of Lewis County. an applicant for A Pension. Declaration made in the Spring of 1834

Jacob I Jackson of Lewis County (a Gentleman of character & substance) says that some short time past Westfall being at his house and haveing previously heard that he had applied for a Pension and that subject being introduced in conversation he Jackson told Westfall "that in swearing that he had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war he had sworn to a lie" Westfall replied, "You dont know as much as you think you do" Jackson then read and explained the Pension Law to Westfall after which Westfall said he had been imposed upon by "them fellows" that he had been made to believe that he was intitled to a Pension for services in the Indian wars that were carried on after the war of the Revolution had terminated. Westfall told Jackson that Jonathan Wamsly [sic: Jonathan Wamsley] "had done his business" Respectfully reported W. G Singleton Special Agent July 1834