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Pension application of Marks Lazarus W21558 Rachel fn34SC  
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South Carolina City of Charleston

On this 31st July 1832, personally appeared in open Court before me Thomas Lee District Judge for South Carolina now sitting, Marks Lazarus a resident of this City and State of 75 years of age 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 Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he was born in Charleston South Carolina on the 22nd of February 1757 and with the exception of occasional trips into the Country, has constantly resided in the City all his life -- has no register of his birth it being accidentally destroyed. That he is a surviving soldier of the revolution, is so regarded by all who know him; was enrolled as a volunteer private in Captain Dorrills [sic, Joseph Darrel's] Company of Cannoniers [sic] at the commencement of the revolutionary war and was engaged in the performance of Military duty from time to time and for a period exceeding 6 months until and after Charleston was besieged in May 1780; for a considerable time he was stationed at the 18 Gun Battery and was almost always on duty, suffering with his comrades the usual privations and hardships incident to the life of a soldier. When the regulars were ordered from Fort Moultrie to the siege of Savannah, he with others, was transferred to the 2nd Battalion under the command of Captain Lushington [Richard Lushington], which took the place of the regulars, at the Fort and remained there until the Troops returned from Savannah during the expedition and until they resumed their quarters at Fort Moultrie, your petitioner was continually on duty in defense of his Country, and acted as Sergeant Major all this period. In addition to the officers above named, he will here state that Colonel John Huger was one of the principal field officers -- his advanced state of life and an almost entire failure of memory, rendering it difficult, if not impossible to relate more particularly than he has done, the various facts and circumstances connected with his revolutionary services -- he refers to the enclosed invitations to a public Festival as evidence that his fellow citizens regarded him as one of the few surviving soldiers of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. Lee, Dist. Judge So. Carolina

S/. Marks Lazarus

Supplemental affidavit of Marks Lazarus --

Marks Lazarus being duly sworn deposes in answer to the 7 Interrogatories War Department, as follows:

To the first In Charleston in the year 1757 --

To the 2nd, The Record of his Birth has been destroyed, with the Bible in which it was entered --  
To the 3rd, He was living in Charleston when called into service, & served nowhere else --  
To the 4th & 5th, That he was a member of the Corps of cannoneers under Captain Dorrall more than 3 years -- that in that Time he was in actual service when Prevost came against Charleston for at least one month. That when the troops marched to the Siege of Savannah he was detailed to serve in Fort Moultrie during their absence & served there at least 3 months. That he served at the siege of Charleston 3 months as Sergeant Major to the 2nd Battalion under Colonel John Huger, & was made Prisoner & remained so until the end of the War.

To the 6th That he received no written Discharge and never bore a commission.

To the 7th That he is generally known to the citizens of Charleston, and refers particularly to the United states judges for this District.

Sworn to before us in open Court this 27th September 1832                      S/ Marks Lazarus  
S/ Thos. Lee, Dist. Judge So. Carolina

[fn p. 26: Jacob C. Sass and David N. Cardozo gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 5: On July 16, 1838 in Charleston South Carolina, Rachel Lazarus, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Marks Lazarus; that she married him December 11, 1776, the same being duly registered in her Bible; that her husband died November one, 1835 being at the time of his death a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$28.33 per annum; and that she remains his widow.]

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 16th day of July 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned Mr. Joseph Righton<sup>1</sup> aged 76 years a resident of Charleston and a revolutionary pensioner, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes that he knew the late Marks Lazarus deceased to have been serving under arms during the War of the Revolution in a corps called the "cannoniers" or "artillery" South Carolina Militia, that, Deponent was a Sergeant in said Company at this time, and that, he believes said Marks Lazarus, served against the enemy 2 years in said War that, he believes he was a private during this period -- and that, at the surrender of the City of Charleston to the British he was while under arms taken a prisoner of war; and retained on parole for 12 months. Deponent saith that he has no doubt said Marks Lazarus was married to Mrs. Rachel Lazarus at the time set forth in her petition and during the War of the Revolution, and that, said Mrs. Rachel Lazarus who is now an applicant for a pension is his widow as set forth in her affidavit, and that, she is a lady entitled to respect and her statement to credit, and that she was a widow on the first July 1836, and that she has not since intermarried.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written and I also certify the credibility of the affiant,

S/ P. Cantwell, Not. Pub. & QU

S/ Jos. Righton

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