Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Johnston R5642 Transcribed by Will Graves

f11VA 1/8/14

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 3: "Rejected Lewis died March 1819 widow died April 1822"]

[p 6]

State of Virginia Louisa County: SS

The Declaration of Lucy C Burruss of the County of Louisa the daughter of Lewis Johnston deceased who was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution who being sworn according to law deposes and says that her said father Lewis Johnston was a soldier in the war of the revolution that as far as she is informed and verily believes, he served for the space of five years or more, and that neither he nor his children have ever received any bounty land or pension for his said services. He died about March 1819 and left three children to wit Lucy J Burruss, Mary & Matilda – Mary is dead and left one living child Elizabeth Goodwin – Matilda is also dead and left 2 children Lewis Miller & Lucy Miller. The widow of Lewis Johnston died about April 1822.

She makes this declaration in order to obtain any pension or bounty land to which the heirs of the said Lewis Johnston are entitled.

S/ Lucy J Burruss

Incy J. Brennigs

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace in and for Louisa County this 24th day of October 1854.

[Note: in a letter transmitting the declaration to the War Department, William a Gillespie states that he is the agent of Lucy J Burruss who says that she thinks her father entered the service from the County of Essex in Virginia.]