Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lifrage (Leifrage, Lifredge) R6340 f27SC
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South Carolina Williamsburgh District} Be it known that this thirteenth day of April 1846 personally appeared before me William B. Graves a Magistrate for said District, William Lifrage aged Sixty years, who being first duly sworn, saith that his Father William Lifrage was a Soldier of the Revolution under Capt. John McCauley of South Carolina as affiant has been informed, and served for three or four years, most of his time as a part of it in company with Archibald Campbell whose testimony is hereunto annexed & to which & the public records reference is made in order to sustain this application for the pension due under the Act of Congress of 7th of June 1832 for the services of said William Lifrage, affiant further States that his Father William Lifrage died on or about the first of January 1835 leaving five children then living viz. Catherine, Solomon, Levina, Jane and himself William Lifrage that the affiant had Qualified as Executor of his Father William Lifrage and is now his Executor.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day & year first above written. S/W.B. Graves

S/W. Lifrage

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South Carolina Williamsburgh District} Be it known that on this Eighth day of April 1846, before me William B. Graves, Magistrate for the district aforesaid, personally appeared Archibald Campbell a resident of the said district aged Eighty-four years who on oath states that he was a Soldier of the revolution and is now a pensioner on the Rolls of the State of South Carolina at the rate of Sixty Dollars per annum. That he was well acquainted with William Lifrage the Father of William Lifrage of Williamsburgh District and served in the Revolution with William Lifrage Senior at the least three years during the different times that they were out together in John McCauley's Company who was their Captain under General Frances Marion who commanded a Militia Company in South Carolina. The affiant found him in service when he joined the Company, which was about six months after Lord Cornwallis crossed the Santee at

¹ Archibald Campbell R1622

Leneud's ferry, they remained in Service together off and on, as their terms came around until the close of the War, which this affiant thinks must have been four or five years or perhaps longer. -- Affiant may not be correct as to the precise time but he cannot be mistaken in stating that said William Lifrage served more than two years. Some of the officers under whom they Served were Capt. John McCall, 1st Lieutenant John Dickson and William Skillen [William Skilling] who was 2nd Lieutenant. This affiant does not recollect that the said William Lifrage Senior was ever with him in a Scrimmage or Battle but that he was with them reconnoitering from Charleston across the Santee to Georgetown and upon the big Pee Dee River and adjoining Country, the said William Lifrage died on or about the year 1835, and that his Wife died some little time before him, that he left several children to wit his eldest William Lifrage, and Solomon Lifrage who has since died & several others which were girls but this affiant do not recollect their names.

S/ Archibald Campbell



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South Carolina Williamsburgh district: Fall Term of Court for Williamsburgh District held 16th of November 1846

It appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court, It is ordered to be certified, that William Lifrage a Revolutionary Soldier died Some time about the first of January 1835, leaving no widow, his wife having died previous to him, but left five Children William Lifrage, Solomon Lifrage, Catherine Walters, Levina Lifrage and Jane Barriman all of whom are now living with the exception of Solomon Lifrage who has died since his Father, and William Lifrage is the Acting Executor of his Father.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court at Williamsburgh Court House the 18th of November A.D. 1846

S John Belton O'Neale, Presiding Judge

[p 15: Certificate dated November 4 1846 from the South Carolina Comptroller's office in Columbia showing payments made to William Leifrage [sic] for militia duty in 1780 for 67 days as a private in Captain John McCauley's Company Col. McDonald's Regiment from 15th March 1780 to 21 May following.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to William Leifrage pp 6 & 6 Audited Account No. 4576³ & 4506B

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26 January 86 [1786]

No. 98

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² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the Just take me to the search page link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

³ Indexed under "Lifredge-Leifrage, William"

William Leifrage for 67 Days Duty as a Private in Capt. John McCauley's Company, Col. McDonald's [John McDonald's] Regiment from 15 March 1780, to 21 May following

Charged Sterling

£5.0.6

Deduct less the duty

Stg [Sterling] £4.15.8 ½

Ex^d J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3: Restatement of the veteran's service as set forth above except in a slightly different format and a reference to his duty having been rendered "in Camp"]

Geo. Town District

Personally came before me William Leifrage who makes Oath that the Above Account of five pounds & six pence against the public is Just and true Sworn before me this 24th day September 1785 S/ John Dickey, JP

Gen/ Please deliver to Mr. Arthur Barrins my Indents that are in your Office and

Oblige Gentlemen Your Humble Servant

S/ William Lifredge

The Commissioners of the Treasury

State So. Carolina

Certified by John Dickey, JP

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Rec'd 26 January 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 871 Y per Order S/ Arthur Barrins [?]



[p 5 of 4506B: Printed form of Indent No. 871 Book Y dated January 26, 1786 "delivered to Mr. William Leifrage this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE, for the Sum of Four pounds fifteen Shillings and eight pence half penny Sterling for Militia duty in 1780 per Account Audited."]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing to endorsements by the veteran both of which he signed with his mark.]