Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Feabus Lewis S38135 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Commonwealth of Virginia }
Fairfax County to wit: }

On this 17th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Feabus Lewis aged seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and of the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Feabus Lewis enlisted for the term of eighteen months in the year 1779 [sic] in the state of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Stribling in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [Samuel] Hawes and Colo Greene [sic: John Green] in the line of the state of Virginia on the Virginia Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps untill the 31st day of December 1781 when he was discharged from the said service in a town (name not now recollected) perhaps Salisbury in the State of North Carolina that he was in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and at the Battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and at the seige of '96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] from thence he went to Eutaw springs [8 Sep 1781] in which Battle he also was; that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the testimony of John Pipsico [pension application S36230] filed in the office of the war department and in pursuance of the act of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income of any kind whatever or any property except the clothes on my back, and I further swear that I am by trade a house Plaisterer but from my advanced age and great infirmity unable to get a living in any way whatever. I have one daughter a widow with four children who with great difficulty finds a support for herself and small children but who contributes all in her power to aid in my suppot — Feabus Lewis

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following information: Febus Lewis/ age 22/ height 5 51/4/ pasterer [sic: plasterer]/ born in London, England/ residing in Loudoun County/ brown hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.