Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Lyon S38920 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of South Carolina

By the Honorable Waddy Thompson one of the Judges of the Court of Equity for the State aforesaid

Before me personally appeared Edward Lyon who being duly sworn declared under oath that he is a citizen of the United States resident in the District of Abbeville & State aforesaid: that he served twelve months or thereabouts as a common soldier upon the Continental Establishment during the war of the Revolution; that he enlisted in Virginia in the fall of 1775 in Captain William Fountain's [probably a mistaken attempt to identify Captain William Fontaine's] company 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Adam Stevens [Adam Stephen commanded the 4th VA Regiment], and served in the said company & Regiment until the fall of 1776 when he was honorably discharged at Williamsburg: that his discharge has been accidentally lost, & that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Edward Lyon, X his mark

[attested August 9th, 1818]

By Andrew Hamilton Esquire one of the Justices of the Quorum for the District of Abbeville & State of South Carolina.

Before me personally appeared Henry Harper who being duly sworn deposed that he is a brother-in-law of the above mentioned Edward Lyon's; that he resided in Virginia at the commencement of the Revolutionary [war] & was intimately acquainted with the said Edward Lyon before & during the time of his service in the Army; & that he knows that the said Edward Lyon enlisted in the fall of 1775 as a private soldier in Captain William fountain's Company, 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Adam Stevens, and served in that capacity 12 months or thereabouts.

S/ Henry Harper

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[Attested August 3, 1818]

The State of South Carolina Abbeville District: to wit

On this sixteenth day of October in the year while Lord 1820 personally appeared Edward Lyon (in open Court being a Court of Record in the said District) aged about sixty-eight years resident in the district and state aforesaid, who first being duly sworn as the law directs, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he the said Edward line enlisted in Captain William Fountain's company in the second Virginia Regiment Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Adam Stephens for the term of one year – that he served for the term of one year, and was at the battle of the Great Bridge [December 9, 1775] – that he was regularly & honorably discharged.

And he the said Edward Lyon doth further swear that he has applied for the pension of agreeable to the law of Congress passed on the 18th day of March 1818 = that he has received a pension certificate No. 7285 dated the 5th of March 1819. That he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed = that he is now old and infirm and unable by his labor to support himself – that he has a wife also aged & infirm she being about 65 years old – that he has several children disbursed in distant parts of the country and has only one who lives with him constantly namely a son aged about 16 years and a daughter who occasionally resides [with] him & who has but little property = That he has always followed the occupation of a farmer –

Schedule of property

One horse worth about	\$40.00
2 Cows & 2 Yearlings, worth about	30.00
Household furniture worth about	25.00
Plantation tools worth about	25.00
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Sworn to & declared in open Court on the 17th day of October A.D. 1820 S/ Edward Lyon, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 9, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental service.]