Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Lindsay S8862 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Virginia Charlotte County: SS

On this 6th day of April 1833 personally appeared before us Hillary Moseley Junior & Edwin Price Justices of the peace & [?] the Cty [County] of Charlotte Lewis Lindsay a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was at different times during the War of the Revolution drafted for several times to serve a tour in the Virginia militia and served each of the two first tours according to the requisition, and that he hired a substitute to perform the third tour of service for him – that his first tour of service was for three months his second for three months and his fourth for three months. That he marched from the County of Mecklenburg in the State of Virginia and served principally in Norfolk in said state, but that he cannot now, from the decay of his memory state the precise date of his service nor the officers under whose command it was performed: That sometime in the summer of the year 1781 he marched from the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid to York Town in Virginia and was in actual service at the Siege of York under the command of Captain Thompson Fowlkes in a company attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Burwell of the County of Mecklenburg – that all his service was rendered in the capacity of a Common soldier or Private. That he has no documentary evidence of his service and cannot prove any, and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove the same – all those with whom he was acquainted or who knew him while engaged in the service being either dead or removed beyond his reach.

That he was a resident of the County of Mecklenburg in the State of Virginia at the several times when he went into service. That when the period of his service expired he returned to the said County, and has resided in the County of Mecklenburg & Charlotte ever since; That he now resides in the County of Charlotte aforesaid; That he does not and cannot now recollect with sufficient definiteness to state the same own oath, the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served nor any very remarkable or memorable circumstances connected with his service other than the battle of York-Town – that being the only incident of general interest or notoriety which his memory now serves him to recollect; That he received discharges at the expiration of each term of his service before related but has long since lost or destroyed them & cannot now recollect by whom they were given: That he is known to the following gentleman in his neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity and who will state their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Hillary Mosley, Senior, Francis Barnes, Royall Lockett, Junior, Wm Haskins, Major Robert Moore and James Barnes.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

S/ Lewis Lindsay

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[William Richards, a clergyman, and Jennings M Jeffress gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Obadiah Coleman of the County of Mecklenburg Virginia do certify that I have a recollection of seeing Lewis Lindsay who has made the foregoing declaration at the Siege of York, but I cannot state anything further in relation to his services as a revolutionary Soldier, although it is probable that I may at one time have known more about it so much has my memory decayed, that I now recollect nothing in relation to it. That it is not immediately connected with some important or deeply interesting event of that war, graven more deeply on my memory than the more ordinary and daily of occurrences of it.

Given under my hand this the 5th day of April 1833

S/Obadiah Coleman

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]