

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jackson Lile ¹ W116

Elizabeth Lile

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State of Tennessee Bedford County }

On this 7th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Quorum of the Court of Bedford County, now sitting, Jackson Lile a resident of Bedford County in the State of Tennessee aged Seventy years and eight months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted as a militia man under Captain Isham Harris and exchanged to the command of Peter Bennet [Capt. Peter Bennett] both Companies under the command of Colonel Butler [John Butler]. Lile cannot recollect the exact period but to the best of his recollection it was in June previous to the battle at Camden [August 15-16, 1780]. He continued to serve under the command of Bennett until after the battle of Camden in which battle² he was a part as a common soldier.

After the defeat of the American Army at Camden this applicant's time expired his enlistment being for the three months. He then enlisted as a volunteer in a company of dragoons commanded by an officer whose name he applicant cannot at this time remember being utter strangers to each other at the time of his enlistment. At the expiration of that term of service he again volunteered under the command of Capt. John Henderson whose Lieutenant was Pleasant Henderson, under the command of Capt. Henderson this applicant fought at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]³ the whole commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. After this he continued his enlistment as a volunteer until near the close of the war after the capture of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] when he received his discharge from a Frenchman who commanded his Regiment whose name was Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] as well as this applicant can pronounce the name.

Applicant never held any commission and never attaching any importance to his discharge had it lost or destroyed a number of years ago. He knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services nor has he any documentary evidence by which he can shew [show] the facts. He was enlisted in Granville County North Carolina marched to Hillsboro, thence through Salisbury into South Carolina to Camden; after that battle the troops

¹ BLWt26662-160-55

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

rendezvoused at Hillsboro where he volunteered for a second term of service.

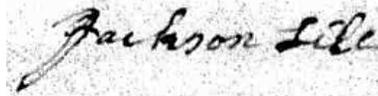
Applicant was born in Northampton County North Carolina in the year 1761 then he moved to Granville County. He has the record of his age in a Bible at home taken from a record in his Father's prayer book. He was living in Granville County North Carolina when called into service and since the war lived in the same County until the last nine years.

He now lives in Bedford County Tennessee; applicant was drafted for the first three months at the age of eighteen after that term of service he volunteered.

He now cannot recollect the names of the regular officers he recollects Col. Washington [William Washington] being with Greene and except the two battles of Camden and Guilford there was no important transactions some small skirmishes with parties of Tories -- Col. William Barnett -- William Norval Esquire William Allison Esquire James Allison and John Rushing a minister of the Gospel are acquainted with the applicant's character for veracity.

And the said Jackson Lile 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/ Jackson Lile

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackson Lile". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes.

Sworn to in open Court 7th of August 1832

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clerk

[John Rushing, a clergyman, and William Barnett, William Norvall, William Allison and James Allison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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An amendment to the declaration of Jackson Lile, made at August Term 1832 of Bedford County Court -- in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 State of Tennessee Bedford County }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace, Jackson Lile, who being duly sworn; deposes and sayeth, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise periods of the war when he served, nor the precise length of his service; But according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods below and in the following grades -- to wit -- that to the best of his recollection his first tour of duty commenced about the middle of June 1780 -- and ended at or in a few days after the defeat at Camden in the same year, & that he served not less than three months as a private Soldier -- under Capt. Bennett as mentioned in the declaration above alluded to. -- And that his second tour, under the officer whose name he cannot remember, commenced the first of October to the best of his recollection in the year 1780 and ended on the first day of January in the year 1781 -- And that he served not less than three months as a volunteer private Soldier and dragoons. -- And that he served, on his third tour of duty under Capt. John Henderson from the first of January 1781, until the first of September in the same year as a private Soldier and volunteer mounted gunman -- deponent states that his declaration was not read to him as it appears now to be, that he was discharged before the Surrender of Cornwallis and his former declaration, States he was in service afterwards. Deponent states to the best of his recollection he served, as a drafted militia man, and volunteer private Soldier not less than fourteen months in the actual service of the United States during the war of the Revolution, for which [he] claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of September 1833.
S/ George Davidson, JP

S/ Jackson Lile {Seal}



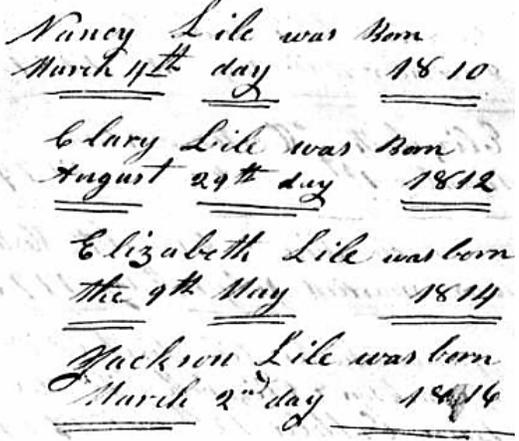
[p 9: On June 5, 1843 in Bedford County Tennessee, Elizabeth Lile, 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jackson Lile, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$46.66 per annum; that she married him July 18th 1793; that her husband died September 28, 1842; and in proof of her marriage she submits the family record in the hand writing of her husband as set forth below. She signed it her application with her mark.]

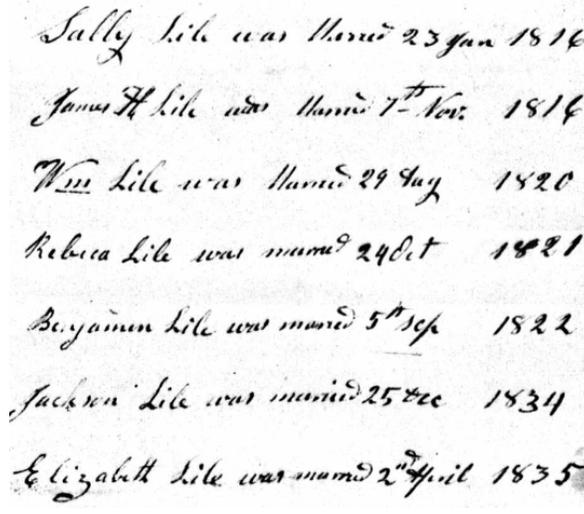
[p 12: On May 28, 1855 in Bedford County Tennessee, Elizabeth Lile, 79, filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she was married in July 1793 by John hunt Esquire and Franklin County North Carolina and that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Hester.]

[p 31: Affidavit filed by James H. Lile in Rutherford County Tennessee in which he states he is the oldest child of Jackson and Elizabeth Lile.]

[p 5: family record]

Jackson Lile was born December 10th day A.D. 1761	<i>Jackson Lile was born December 10th day A.D. 1761</i>
Elizabeth Hester was born November 1 st A.D. 1774	<i>Elizabeth Hester was born November 1st day A.D. 1774</i>
Jackson Lile & Elizabeth Hester was married July 18th day 1793	<i>Jackson Lile & Elizabeth Hester was married July 18th day 1793</i>
James Hester Lile first child of Jackson & Elizabeth Lile was Born October 12th day A.D. 1794	<i>James Hester Lile first child of Jackson & Elizabeth Lile was Born October 12th day A.D. 1794</i>
Benjamin Lile was born March 17th day A.D. 1797	<i>Benjamin Lile was born March 17th day A.D. 1797</i>
Sally Lile was born September 4th day A.D. 1798	<i>Sally Lile was born September 4th day A.D. 1798</i>
William Lile was born October 25 th day A.D. 1800	<i>William Lile was born September 25th day A.D. 1800</i>
Rebeca Lile was born July 8th day A.D. 1803	<i>Rebeca Lile was born July 8th day A.D. 1803</i>

<p>Nancy Lile was Born March 4th day 1810</p> <p>Clary Lile was Born August 29th day 1812</p> <p>Elizabeth Lile was born the 9th May 1814</p> <p>Jackson Lile was born March 2nd day 1816</p>	 <p><i>Nancy Lile was Born March 4th day 1810</i></p> <p><i>Clary Lile was Born August 29th day 1812</i></p> <p><i>Elizabeth Lile was born the 9th May 1814</i></p> <p><i>Jackson Lile was born March 2nd day 1816</i></p>
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<p>Sally Lile was married 23 Jan 1816</p> <p>James H. Lile was married 7th Nov. 1816</p> <p>William Lile was married 29 Aug 1820</p> <p>Rebeca Lile was married 24 Oct. 1821</p> <p>Benjamin Lile was married 5th Sep. 1822</p> <p>Jackson Lile was married 25th Dec 1834</p> <p>Elizabeth Lile was married 2nd April 1835</p>	 <p><i>Sally Lile was married 23 Jan 1816</i></p> <p><i>James H. Lile was married 7th Nov. 1816</i></p> <p><i>Wm Lile was married 29 Aug 1820</i></p> <p><i>Rebeca Lile was married 24 Oct 1821</i></p> <p><i>Benjamin Lile was married 5th Sep 1822</i></p> <p><i>Jackson Lile was married 25th Dec 1834</i></p> <p><i>Elizabeth Lile was married 2nd April 1835</i></p>
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 14 months service in the revolution. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]