

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Lewis W5022

Ann (Nancy) Lewis

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State of North Carolina Wake County }

On this 2nd day of March 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Mrs. Ann Lewis, resident of Wake County, aged 80 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838: -- That she is the widow of James Lewis deceased, a soldier of the Revolutionary War; that her husband the aforesaid James Lewis, served six months in the militia under Captain Matthew McCallers [sic, Matthew McCullers], of the County of Wake, in what year, she is unable at this remote period of time to state; she recollects distinctly that her husband went off in the service with him; -- and was gone the time above stated: -- That he afterwards enlisted and served twelve months in Captain Yarborough's [Edward Yarborough's] Company; that he enlisted a short time before the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781] and went out and joined the Army immediately after that battle; she recollects distinctly the events of that time; and remembers them facts told her, by her husband, the said James Lewis of his service in the War of the Revolution: -- In his absence (during the war) this declarant resided with his mother, and consequently she has the better opportunity of knowing the length of his service; which, according to the best of her recollection, and the statements made by himself repeatedly, to others, compared to her statement as above: -- that she was legally married to the said James Lewis in the month of March 1783; in the County of Wake by John Whitaker Esquire; and that her maiden name was Ann Smith: -- that her husband the said James Lewis died in Wake County in the 29th day of December 1829, aged about Seventy one years; -- And that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed: --

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Ann Lewis, X her mark

the day and year above written before me

S/ Wm D. Haywood, JP

I further certify that the above record containing the ages of the children of James & Nancy Lewis was taken out of their family Bible by me and is hereto appended. Given under my hand the day and year above written.

S/ Wm D. Haywood, JP

[pp 7-8: family record: the first page (7) is illegibly faint, the following was taken from page 8]
Ages of James and Nancy Lewis Children

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Wm Lewis was born May the 25 day 1791

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Nancy Lewis was born September 21 day 1797

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[p 9: Copy of the marriage bond issued in Wake County on February 26 1783 to James Lewis and Thomas Rice, bondsmen, to secure the marriage of James Lewis to Ann Smith.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that James Lewis a private Soldier in Captain Yarborough's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the __ day of __ 1781 for the term of 12 months and that he is said to be omitted 1st April 1782.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of April 1844
S/ Wm Hill, Secretary

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State of North Carolina not
Comptroller's Office
April 22nd, 1844

I William G Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears of record and my office that James Lewis a soldier of the Revolution had a Certificate issued in his favor as will appear in Book No. 10 granted by Mebane Nichols for Seventeen Pounds Eight Shillings and nine pence (£17.8.9)

Given under my hand and seal of Office the day and date above written
S Wm Collins, Compt.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service for 18 months.]