

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Emery [Emory]¹ W7107 Lucy Emery f35NC
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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Fall Term, 1852

On this 24th day of November, 1852, personally appeared in open court, and before the Court aforesaid Lucy Emery a resident of Spartanburg South Carolina aged Eighty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, 3rd March, 1843, 17 June, 1844 in the 2nd February 1848, Granting Pensions to certain widows of Revolutionary soldiers, That she is the widow of William Emery who was a Private Soldier in Captain Brevard's [Alexander Brevard's] Company of the ___ Regiment of the North Carolina line during the latter part of the Revolution, that he resided in Caswell County and enlisted for the term of 18 months as she has always understood and believes, and served for some twelve months and was paroled home to await further orders, the war have enclosed That her said husband joined the Army in North Carolina and was taken on to Charleston South Carolina where he was stationed for some time and until paroled.

She further declared that her said husband was called to the Court House in Spartanburg in 1833, to give Evidence in the claim of Thomas Ponder,² a comrade in arms and to make application for himself which he did in part but died before his papers was completed That the papers made out on that occasion was handed to Colonel Litener an Attorney some five years since for the purpose of establish her claim, and that recent application has been made to said Litener for those papers and they have not been found, and that she now knows of no living witness by whom the service of her husband can be proven -- She also declares that she was married to the said William Emery in the County of Caswell, North Carolina by the Reverend John Bush on the 3rd day of August 1784, that her husband the aforesaid William every died on the 27th day of December 1835, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period.

She further declares that she has no family record showing the date of her marriage or the births of their children of which they raised a family of seven, the oldest of home Polly was born on 13 August 1785, Dicey the 2nd child was born 30 September 1786, Nancy, John, Joseph, William and Rachel who is their youngest child & is now in her 46th year, -- That this declaration is made at the Court of Rutherford as a matter of convenience her residence being on the State lines and much nearer to this Court House than that of Spartanburg

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before the Court

¹ BLWt13904-160-55

² [Thomas Pander \(Ponder\) W21906](#)

S/ R. L. Gilkey, Clk

S/ Lucy Emmery, X her mark

[Abisha Slade, clerk of the Caswell County, NC, Court of Pleas gave an affidavit dated July 21, 1853, that he has made search in his office for a marriage bond dated in 1784 or 1785 for the marriage of William Emery to Mary Lucy Page, and has found no such bond.]

[p 7: Charles Wilson a resident of Rutherford County gave a supporting affidavit saying that Lucy and William Emery moved into his neighborhood from Caswell County and raised a considerable family, the oldest of whom must be some sixty-five years old, that he, the deponent, was born 1791 and that John & Joseph Amory who was said to be the fourth and fifth children by birth of the aforesaid parents our men of about his age, old enough to serve in the War of 1812 which they both did and John has received a land bounty for that service; and that he has often heard William Emery converse with Thomas Ponder regarding their revolutionary services; that Ponder also obtained from Caswell County]

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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 William Emory a private Soldier, in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the__ day of__ 1782 for the term of 18 months, that Thomas Ponder a Sergeant in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service in 1782 for the term of 18 months, and that Elijah Moore was Lieutenant in the 10th Regiment in 1777, Captain in 1781, Deranged 1st Janry 1783.

Given under my hand this 7th day of Janry 1853.

S/ William Hill, Secretary of State

[p 32: On November 30, 1852, Mary Adkins, 80, a resident of Spartanburg appeared in Rutherford County Court and gave an affidavit that she was present at the wedding of William Emery to Lucy Page; that the marriage took place at her father's, William Page, in the County of Caswell North Carolina, soon after the close of the revolutionary war; that they were married by Parson Bush in the summer of the year; that William Amory was reputed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the Army of the Revolution; that she often heard her brother-in-law Nathaniel Page and said William Emery talk of their trials & hardships while in the Army. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 32: On November 30, 1852, Thomas Williams and his wife Effy of Rutherford County and two of its "oldest persons of our Country" gave affidavit that they were intimately acquainted with William Emery and his wife Lucy and their family; that the Emery family settled in their neighborhood in the spring of the year 1797 at which time the family had five children, three daughters and two sons; that their son John Williams was born a few months after the aforesaid William Emery and wife Lucy settled in their neighborhood; and that William Emery was reputed in the neighborhood to be a soldier of the revolution. Both signed with their respective marks.]

[p 33: On November 30, 1852, John Emery, 61, son of the late William and Lucy Emery made

oath that his father William died at his late residence in Spartanburg South Carolina on the 29th day of December 1835; that he, John Emery, is the fourth child of his parents; and that he believes his father served a tour of duty in the Regular Army of the revolution and was stationed for some time on Sullivan's Island and was there when peace was made. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 12 & 15: On June 6, 1853 in Rutherford County North Carolina, Martin Cantrell, 45, and his wife Patsy, of Rutherford County, also each gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 15: On June 7, 1853 Mahala Tennison, 41, a resident of Rutherford County, also gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On March 26, 1855 in Polk County North Carolina, the widow stating her age as about 93 years of age and a resident of Spartanburg District South Carolina made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this document with her mark.]

[A pension at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending December 27, 1835, was awarded based on the veteran's service as a private one year in the North Carolina militia. His widow was granted a pension in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1836.]