

**Pvt. Jacob Lewis**

State of Virginia; County of Tyler; On this 19th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before Robert Gorell, Thomas Inghram, John B. Lacy & James S. Birckhead justices of the Peace constituting the County Court of Tyler now sitting. JACOB LEWIS, a resident of the said county of Tyler & State of Virginia aforesaid aged Seventy Seven years the 15th day of April last past, 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 services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated towit, That in the year 1775 he was an Ensign in the Virginia Militia duly commissioned residing in Berkely County of said state. That he volunteered & served as a private in the service of the United States for three months under Captain George Scott, that he...(data about Bakin Ridge, NJ and Fort Pitt, PA.)

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That in about three weeks after he returned home from the last campaign, there was a draft of militia in the County of Berkeley of that in this requisition one William Bramson was drafted, for whom he substituted in a company commanded by Captain Ambross or Ambrose attached to a regiment commanded by a lieutenant Col John Morrow. That he rendezvoused at Martinsburg & marched to & reported at McIntosh's Fort at the mouth of Big Beaver Pa from thence he was marched to & helped to build Fort Lawrence on the Tuscarawa a water of the Big Muskingham in the ten North western Territory where he remained three months & was marched back to Fort McIntosh where he was discharged that in his service he was engaged from the time he left Martinsburg until his return—Five Months; that he received regular discharges each time he was in the service which he lost, together with his commission of Ensign many years after the close of the Revolutionary War by having his house burnt with all its contents—That in the foregoing declaration he may be mistaken as to the precise year the service was performed in, which is only stated to the best of his recollection but in the service itself he has a pretty positive recollection.

That while in the service of the first campaign he was acquainted with General Washington & Lord Sterling & while in the weastern campaign he was acquainted with General McIntosh, Col Gibson, Col. Crawford, Col. Broadhead, Major Leath, Brigadare Major Capt. John Lyle, Capt. Ephiam Weatherington, John Cave adjutant & Nathaniel Lindee Quarter Master that he cannot recollect the numbers or names of any continental or militia regiments with which he served.

That he ws born in Berkely County Virginia the 15th day of April 1755, had a record of his age which was destroyed when his house was burnt. That since the Revolutionary War he has resided in Virginia except about two years at Union Town Pennsylvania—That he ha no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service.

That he is acquainted with the Reverend Thomas Jones, Benjamin Brewer, John Dare, John Adams & others of his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his service in the revolution. He hereby relinquish his every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity but the present & declares that his name in not on the Pension Roll of any State. Sworn to an d subscribed the day they aforesaid. /X/ Jacob Lewis.

We Thomas Jones a clergyman residing in the County of Tyler.

Jacob Lewis was born April 15, 1755 in Berkely Co., Va., (now WV) and died in June, 1840 in Tyler Co., Va., (now WV). He was married two times, first believed to be to Ruth/Elizabeth COOPER about 1777, second time to Mary PARKER Watson on December 17, 1816, the ceremony performed by William Wells in Tyler County. Virginia Pension application Number 16224; Federal Pension application Number W. 8044. Pension was granted in Tyler Co in 1833, and widow later also received pension. \$43.33 annual allowance; \$129.99 amount received; Pension started July 18, 1833, at age 78.

The information on Jacob Lewis was submitted to the Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation by Spencer, Deb. iRe: My Gr. Grandfather served at Ft. Laurens. E-mail to the Foundation 7 April 2002 and 9 April 2002.

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