

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Dewitt S30986

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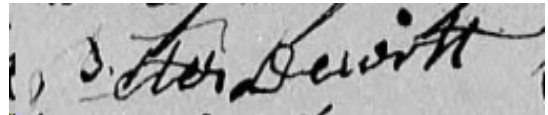
State of Kentucky } ss

Clarke [sic: Clark] County }

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Octr. 1833 personally appeared before me Fielding Combes (a Justice and Judge for the county aforesaid Peter Dewitt aged 81 years on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1753 [sic] 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 That he entered the Services of the U.S. under the following named officers and served as herein stated

First he says he was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 1753 in the State of Newjersey in Sussex County. And their he states he lived till about twelve years old. He then moved with his father to Virginia Hampshier Co [sic: Hampshire County now in WV]. And from this County on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1775 he volunteered in capt. Crisup's company Lieutenant Daniel Crisup [Daniel Crissop]. Ensign Ogle. & col. A. McDonald Rendezvoused at Redstone old fort [now Brownsville PA]. We here continued for two or three weeks. From thence we marched to the head waters of Buffallow From thence to the head of Whelling [sic: Wheeling Creek] from thence to the mouth of grave creek. At this place we continued for some time to obtain provisions. From thence we marched to the mouth of fish creek from thence across the Ohio. And persued an Indian trail and so continued to within 8 miles of their Town and had a short skirmish with some lying in ambush had two of our men killed and six wounded. We left at this place a guard to take care of the wounded and pursued our march towards the Town untill we arived at the Muskingum River at this place we stoped. And he states he remembers well of John Hargus killing an Indian across the river a distance of about two hundred yards Our Col. then gave orders that no other gun should be fired. And as the Indians were on the opposite side side of the River our interperter invited some over to treat but they declined treating The next morning by light we started for their Towns the first we reached was called Wackatomaca we however first disired A treat but effected none. But as they evacuated the Town we took possession without opposition From thence we marched to Snake Town from thence to a Town called Whitewomans Town at this Town we had a skirmish had one wounded and took an Indian prisoner. And from thence we marched on land and arived home on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Sepr 1775 after an absence of three months on duty and was discharged On this tour he served as a private soldier. He states the next Services he rendered was from Marryland [sic: Maryland] Washington county in the year 1776 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April as well as he now remembers he was drafted for six months in capt Kimberlin's company of Spies & Rangers and ranged through the mountains in the County of Washington and those continuous to prevent Savages from murdering the defenceless women and children while their husbands were out in the service of their country he states he so continued to range and spy as a private soldier untill the 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of Octr insuing at which time he returned home and was regularly discharge by his capt. but have lost it He states he served a tour in the following way. In the year 1777 their was a man by the name of James Night who had diserted the US. army and capt. [blank] (whose name he has forgotten) advertised that if any man would arest him he should receive a discharge for a six months Tour. He states that he immediately start on search of him and after hunting several days through an Enemies country consisting of tories and Indians he says he found him and arested and lodged him safely in Romney Jail in Hampshier County Va and for this he says he got a discharge for six months he says on this search he was at considerable Trouble & expence and much fiteague and danger before he found him. He therefore think he ought to have alowence for it as he performed the service required by the government. He states he served many other Tours the particulars of which he has forgotten & therefore claims nothing for them. the length of time as above putting alltogether will amount to fifteen months alowing for the six months last mentioned. if not 9 mo's. He states he has a record of his age in an old Dutch bible (near 200 years old) and it makes him 81 years old on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July next. He has

already stated where he was living when called into service Also the manner of entering the service He says that as his services were in the way as above discribed he had no opportunity of forming any acquaintance with the regular officers As to a discharge he states he has named above & has none having never rec'd a witten discharge He states he never [had] a commission but served the several tours as a priv[ate] soldier. He states that he is known by many of his neighbours as a man of veracity. & as to his reputation in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the Revolution. But perticularly by Thos. Boon a clergyman residing in his neighborhood & Thos. Easton residing is same who can testify of the above facts. He also states he is now old and helpless and unable to get about so much so that he finds it quite inconvenient for him to get to Town it being a distance of twelve or fifteen miles from his house. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforsaid He also states he has no witness to prove his services.

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "J. For Lewis". The ink is dark and the background is light-colored paper.