

Pension Application for Jacob Lewis

R.6324

State of Ohio

Knox County SS.

On this the 27th day of July 1852 personally appeared before me, W.W. Cochran an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Joannah Murphy, a resident of Mt. Vernon, Knox Co., Ohio aged about 65 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, July 7th 1838, March 5th 1843 & June 17th 1844. To wit: that she is one of the children of Jacob & Mary Lewis deceased that her aforesaid father was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution as she always heard him say and as she verily believes, that he served in the State of New Jersey part of the time as Waggon master & Express rider & part of the time in the regular army and she thinks he was in the Battles of Monmouth and Trenton, that her aforesaid father died about 48 or 49 years ago in the State of Pennsylvania and left her aforesaid Mother his widow who remained a widow until the time of her death which took place on the 28 day of February 1846 at this declarant's house in Mount Vernon Knox County Ohio, That her aforesaid mother left at the time of her death the following her only living children. Thomas Lewis who is now dead, Freeman Lewis, who lives in the State of Pennsylvania in Uniontown, Samuel Lewis now dead. Peter Lewis who lives in Wilmington, Clinton Co. Ohio, Mary Spring of this county (and this declarant) Johannah Murphy, that Freeman Lewis is the oldest child and is about 75 years of age and this declarant Johannah Murphy is the next oldest and now 65 years old on the 5th day of April 1852.—That she verily believes that her aforesaid Father and Mother were married about 73 or 74 years ago in Summerset County State of New Jersey by the Rev. Mr. Ranedy. That she has often heard her aforesaid father and mother say that they were married during the Revolutionary War. As she further states that her aforesaid Mother Mary Lewis in her lifetime made an application to the Hon. Commissioner for a Pension which had been suspended and not allowed for some reason to which application and the proofs therewith [?] the Hon. Commissioner is most respectfully for a more perfect detail of service, proof of marriage. And this declarant now- - - -

Most respectfully asks the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions, that her aforesaid claim or claims may be allowed under the aforesaid Acts, and that the Certificates evidencing the same may be enclosed to her attorney.

(Signed with her mark) Joannah Murphy

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year aforesaid. W. H. Cochran JP

I, the just subscribed Magistrate, do certify that the above Declarant is personally known to me, and that she is a woman of truth and respectability in whose statements the fullest faith and credit should be placed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name on the twenty-seventh day of July AD 1852. W.H. Cochran.

Know all men by these presents, that I Joannah Murphy of Mt. Vernon, Knox Co. Ohio daughter and heir at Law of Mary Lewis deceased who was the widow of Jacob Lewis deceased- - - -who was a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution, do hereby constitute and appoint A. L. Coombs my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to prosecute against the Government of the United States, before any Department thereof, any and all claim or claims I may have to arrears of pay or Pension money, under any Act or Acts, Resolution or Resolutions, of the Congress of the United States, and especially the Acts 4th July, 1836, 7th

July, 1838, 3d March, 1843, 17th June, 1844, 2d February, 1848 and 29th July, 1848—as well as the more ancient Acts of 18th March, 1818, 15th May, 1828, and 7th June, 1832.

Said Attorney is moreover authorized in my name to demand at any Department of the said Government, a re-consideration of any decision hitherto or hereafter to be given, touching my interests, and to obtain from any Department or the archives thereof, any and all information or evidence of whatever character relating to or in any wise bearing upon the claim or claims we hereby seek the investigation of.

Said Attorney is more over authorized to do any and all things necessary to carry out the foregoing purposes, and to receive the Certificates of Pension or other character of drafts or evidences of the amounts due me and to appoint one or more Sub-Attorneys, and to confer upon him or them all the power herein conferred upon himself hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney may do by virtue of these presents.

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of July 1852.

(Signed with her mark) Joannah Murphy

Executed in the presence of us. WH. Cochran, A.G. Matthews
State of Ohio, Knox County, sct.

Be it know that on the 17th day of July 1852 before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Joannah Murphy subscribers to the foregoing Power of Attorney, and acknowledged the signing, sealing and delivering the same to be her own voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

In Testimony Whereof; I do hereunto subscribe my name. W. H. Cochran J.P.

The State of Ohio
Knox County SS

On this 27 day of July A.D. 1852 before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared John P. Lewis a resident of Mount Vernon in Knox County Ohio aged 34 years who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he was well acquainted with Mary Lewis deceased (who was the widow of Jacob Lewis dec. who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution) for 28 years before her death which took place on or about the 28th day of February 1846 at the house of her daughter Joannah Murphy in Mount Vernon Knox Co. Ohio. That Joannah Murphy who has this day made a declaration in order to draw the Pension due her mother at the time of her death, is one of the children of the said Mary and Jacob Lewis and that she is about 65 years old, the names of the other children are Freeman Lewis who is the oldest child and is about 72 years old, Jacob Lewis now dead, and Joannah Murphy as above stated, Thomas Lewis now dead, Peter Lewis who is living, John Lewis now dead, Mary Springer who is living, and Samuel Lewis who was the youngest, and is now dead. That the said Jacob Lewis deceased has always bore the reputation of having been a soldier in the Revolutionary War and that he verily Believes he was a Soldier in said war—And he further states that he is uninterested.

(Signed) John P. Lewis

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year aforesaid. W.H. Cochran J.P.

I, the just subscribed Magistrate do certify that the above affiant is personally known to me and that he is a man of truth and respectability in whose statements the fullest faith and confidence should be placed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name on this the 27 day of July 1852. W.H. Cochran J.P.

The State of Ohio

County of Knox SS

On the 20th day of July 1841 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County in the State aforesaid, Mary Lewis, a resident of Wayne Township in the co. aforesaid, aged eighty four years on the 25 day of October 1840 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the Act of Congress passed March 3, 1837. That she was married to Jacob Lewis who was a private in the Army of the United States during the War of the Revolution. That said Jacob Lewis entered the service of the United States the Army of the Revolution according to applicants best recollection as early as the year 1776 and spent most of his time in the service until the close of the war; said Jacob then resided in Sommerset County in the State of New Jersey. He entered the service as a private soldier applicant thinks in a company of Militia Commanded by Capt. Gavin McCoy—but applicant can't state the names of the other officers of his company she thinks his company was attached to a Regiment Commanded by Col. Israel Rickey and that a man by the name of Frulinghugsen (1) was major of a Regiment but applicant cannot State with certainty the name of any officers but the Captain. That said Jacob Lewis was in the Battle of Monmouth (2) New Jersey, and in several other engagements and skirmishes during his service. After said Jacob had served sometime as a private soldier as aforesaid, his captain relieved him from carrying a musket, in consequence of an injury was in one of his knees, and as consigint [consequent] lameness This applicant thinks was about two years after he entered the service when relieved as aforesaid from carrying a musket said Jacob was employed and engaged in providing forage in carrying expresses and in such other indicental duties as the service and his captain and superiors required, and said Jacob continued in the discharge of his duties until the close of the war. Applicant thinks said Jacob Lewis entered the army as a volunteer—he continued to reside in New Jersey in the County of Sommerset until the war closed.

Applicant cannot recall the circumstances of said Jacob Lewis as sure as she once did. She never expected, and until recently never heard that there was any prospect of her receiving anything from the Government. She thinks that by the laws and regulations in New Jersey during the war any man over 18 and under 50 years was obliged to serve in the militia every alternate month unless he enlisted in the Continental Army and in this way she thinks said Jacob entered the service. She further declares that she was married to said Jacob Lewis about the 23d day of November 1778. She had been and was acquainted with him from a child and knew of his service before the marriage. That her husband the aforesaid Jacob Lewis died on the 29th day of June 1801. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place prior to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four (1794) viz. at the time above stated.

That she has never been married again since said Jacob Lewis died but has always remained and still is his widow--She states that by the enemy and the tories her husband lost a handsome property during the war—and at the close his serving were paid in Continental money or so much [?] not taken and which by reason of its depreciation was almost entirely lost to the said Jacob Lewis.

(Signed Mary Lewis)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written and I certify that from bodily infirmity the said applicant is unable & cannot attend the court.

Wm. Bevans, Associat[e] Judge Knox Cn. Pleas

State of Ohio, Knox county SS

I, Isaac Hadley, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, do hereby certify that Wm. Bevans , Esqr. before whom the foregoing affidavit was taken was at the time of taking the same and still is, one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, for the said County, duly commissioned and qualified, & full faith and credit, are due to all this official acts as such, as will in courts of Justice, as thereout And I do further certify that the foregoing signature, purporting to be his, is genuine. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at the Clerk's Office in Mount Vernon, this 26th day of August A.D. 1841.

Isaac Hadley, Clerk. K.C. Pleas.
Letter in the pension application folder.
November 6, 1924

B. E. Cushing
322 Engineers Bldg.
Cleveland Ohio

Sir:

I have to advise you that in the papers in Revolutionary War pensions claim, R.6324, it is alleged that Jacob Lewis, while a resident of Somerset County, New Jersey, enlisted in 1776 as a private in Captain Gavin McCoy's Company of New Jersey Militia and so served whenever called upon, also acted as a Wagon Master and Express Rider and was in the battles of Trenton (3) and Monmouth.

He married in Somerset County, New Jersey, November 13, 1778, Mary - - - , who was born October 25, 1756. He died in Pennsylvania June 29, 1801, and the widow, Mary, applied for pension July 20, 1841, while living in Wayne Township, Knox County, Ohio, but her claim was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of 6 months military service as required by the pension laws. She died February 28, 1846, at the home of her daughter, Joannah Murphy, in Mount Vernon, Knox, County, Ohio.

In 1852 there were the following children: Freeman, aged about 72 years and a resident of Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Joannah Murphy (born April 5, 1787) a resident of Mount Vernon, Ohio; Peter a resident of Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio; Mary Springer, a resident of Knox County, Ohio.

The following children were then dead: Jacob, Thomas, John and Samuel.

Solider's age is not stated.

Respectfully, Commissioner.

[Written in the margin of the letter. "Israel Rickey was never a Col., only a Somerset Co., NJ Capt. See NJ p 407."]

End Notes—R.6324—Jacob Lewis

1. Captain Gavin McCoy, Colonel Israel Rickey who might have been actually only a captain and a Major Frulinghugsen were officers in the New Jersey Militia.
2. The Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, was fought on June 28, 1778.
3. The Battle of Trenton, New Jersey was fought on December 26, 1776.