

Russell and Gott in *Fauquier County in the Revolution* stated **Lewis Withers** (ca 1758-1821) was a private in Captain James Winn's militia company. He was wounded at the Cowpens and brought home in June 1781.

Jesse Withers of Fauquier County VA deposed (FPA S11819)

“About a week after the Affiant was drafted he obtained a furlough to go to the South to his **Brother Lewis** whose **arm had been broke from a shot** at the Battle of the **Cowpens** [January 17, 1781] & who was then lying at the head of Tiger [sic, Tyger] River in South Carolina about 9 miles from the Cowpens. According to the terms of Affiant's furlough he was to remain with his brother until he could be moved, and then the Affiant was required to leave him and to repair to General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. His brother was moved to Fauquier the 1st June 1781. The Affiant immediately repaired to Camden, South Carolina where General Greene was stationed.”

To the Hon'ble the Speaker and House of Delegates

The Petition of **Lewis Weathers** of the County of Fauquier Humbly Represents

That your Petitioner was Drafted as a Militia Soldier to perform a Tower of Duty in the year 1781. Marched with cheerfulness under the Command of Capt. Francis Triplett, and joined that part of the American Army then Commanded by General [Daniel] Morgan in the State of [South] Carolina, that at the Battle of **the Cowpens** [17 Jan 1781], where the American army were triumphant, your Petitioner had the misfortune to be **grievously wounded**, and the army being under the necessity soon after of evacuating that part of the Country he was left Destitute of Medical aid, without money – Friends or the Common Necessaries of life, that after suffering a long and painful Confinement and being obliged to pay for his Care and accommodation he returned to his family so Disabled by his wounds as to be rendered incapable of supporting himself by Labor. your Petitioner begs leave further to represent that several years had elapsed after his return to Virginia before he knew that the state had made provision by law for those of their Citizens who had been unfortunate in defending the liberties of their Country – that so soon as he was made acquainted with the law he applied to the Executive, who informed him that the act from which they Derived the power of placing him on the list of Pensioners, had expired and that he had nothing to Expect but from the Liberality of the General Assembly – your Petitioner humbly prays that this his Petition may be investigated by a Committee of your Hon'ble House where he makes no Doubt he will be enabled to Convince the Legislature that he is an object worthy their protection and bounty and your Petitioner will ever pray.

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