

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to James Lawson VAS848

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

This day Colonel William Morton came before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath, that he knew James Lawson formerly of said County from the time he was a Boy – That he understood he entered into the regular service & that he was killed in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – That he wants saw him in uniform dress during the war on furlough – & that he has not heard of him since; from which he concludes, he was killed as aforesaid – That he knew of no other James Lawson of the said County of Charlotte – and further that Benjamin Lawson¹ of the said County of Charlotte is one of the Brothers of the said James Lawson.

Given under my hand this 31st of December 1811

S/ WW Watkins

¹ Perhaps the same man as Benjamin Lawson S38127