

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Lawson BLWt1225-200

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[Note: more legible on HeritageQuest.com]

Warrant No. 1225 – issued to Fabius Lawson air of Lieutenant Benjamin Lawson of the Virginia Line for 200 acres of land March 1st, 1827 and delivered to W. S. Archer

State of Virginia City of Richmond: 23rd February 1827

I Fabius Lawson air at law of Benjamin Lawson to upon oath testify and declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the said Benjamin Lawson did enlist in 1779 for the term of during the war, and served in the Regiment No. four under the command of Colonel ___ of the Virginia line; and that he continued in the service in until the in the war.

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to Benjamin Lawson on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore,

[boilerplate power of attorney language not transcribed: Lawson appointed William S Archer as his attorney.]

S/ Fabius Lawson



State of Virginia

At a Court of Hastings held for the City of Richmond the 23 February 1827 Satisfactory evidence was adduced in Court, to prove that Fabius Lawson is the son and only heir at law in fee to Benjamin Lawson late a Lieutenant in the 4th Regiment of the State troops on Continental establishment.

I Thomas C Howard Clerk of the said court, do certify, that the above evidence is taken from the records in my Office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my seal, this 23rd day of February 1827

S/ Th. C. Howard

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned respectfully represents to the Executive of Virginia, that he is the son and only heir at law of the late Lieutenant Benjamin Lawson deceased, who was an officer in the revolutionary Army from the 1st day of January 1777 to the close of the war, and received pay as a Lieutenant in the Continental line from the date above to the 15th November 1783 – see Commissioner Smith's report page __. That his father, the said Benjamin Lawson, received his commutation of five years full pay in lieu of half pay for life – See letter from Peter Hagner auditor at Washington within filed and asked to be taken as part of this petition – and that a warrant issued to this petition [sic] as son and only heir as aforesaid for two hundred acres land on the 1st March 1827 – see certificate of William Gordon first Clerk in Bounty Land office here with file and likewise made a part of this petition – see also owns same last mentioned document the evidence of his heirship.

Your petition [sic] further respectfully represents that the term of service of his father, the said Benjamin Lawson, appears as above stated, to have commenced on the first day of January 1777 and to have continued until the 15th day of November 1783, a term of six years, ten and a half months. That a warrant issued to his father from Virginia on the __ day of __ for 2266 2/3 acres land, the bounty for six years service, but that no warrant has ever issued to his followed nor to your petitioner for the remaining 10 ½ months. Your petitioner therefore respectfully request the Executive to take his case into consideration, and to authorize the Register of the Land Office of Virginia, to issue to him as son and only heir as aforesaid, a Warrant for such quantity of land as may be due you.

Annual petitioner will ever pray &c.

S/ Fabius Lawson

Richmond 10th February 1840

I hereby certify it appears from a Book of Settlements made by Andrew Dunscomb with Officers of the Revolutionary Army – That Lieutenant Benjamin Lawson settled his account on the 12th of November 1785 & that he received pay as Lieutenant up to the 15th of November 1783. He at that same time received 5 years full pay in lieu of half pay for life.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 10th day of February 1840

S/ James E Heath, Auditor

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 6th day of June 1783, in the name of Benjamin Lawson, as a Lieutenant & paymaster for £924.13.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To pay As Paymaster from 1st July 1776 to 3 March 1778 and as Lt. p. master & Clothier from 3rd March 78 to 31st December 1781.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
10th day of February 1840.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR