

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Layton R15775

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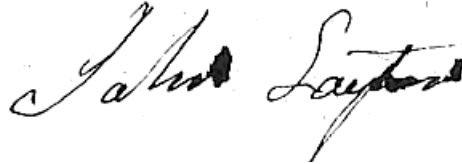
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

VA. Half Pay

To the Congress of the United States of America now in session

John Layton for himself and the other heirs of his father John Layton deceased respectfully represents that his father the said John Layton deceased entered the Army of the revolution as an Ensign about the year 1776 and continued in service chiefly in the 3rd Virginia Regiment – was principally employed in Virginia from the time that Lord Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the colony of Virginia] burnt Norfolk [January 1776] until 1781 when he was marched to the siege of York where he commanded as an Ensign – which commission he returned to the end of the war. In support of which facts he the said Leighton begs leave to present sundry depositions here unto annexed. That in addition to the land bounty given by Virginia to her officers his father the said late John Layton was entitled to half pay for life or five years full pay as commutation therefor which was promised to all officers who served to the end of the war or who were previously discharged – which pay or commutation for life he the said John Layton deceased never received in his lifetime no [nor] has it been received since as proved by the certificate of the proper officer hereto annexed. In assuming the state that of the revolutionary war the United States became bound to pay this claim of your petitioner and he now presents this claim for half pay or commutation and respectfully asked that he may receive it by a law to be passed for that purpose annual petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c. – Fredericksburg State of Virginia

S/ John Layton



State of Virginia Middlesex County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Daniel B. Sibley of the said County a credible witness aged seventy-four years and made oath that he was well acquainted with the late John Layton of Middlesex County and knew him in the Service in the Army his the said Sibley's father was in the Army and in the Company commanded by said Leighton's, and that he the said Sibley often visited the Army to see and carry things to his father and saw the said Leighton and Further this deponent saith not.

Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of September 1833
S/ F. Blackburn, JP

State of Virginia Middlesex County

Personally appeared before me Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid William Harrow age sixty-three years and made oath that he was well acquainted with the late John Layton of Middlesex County and knew him in service in the Army of the Revolutionary war and that he had seen him in this neighborhood in pursuit of deserters from the Army and knew him to be an officer but knows not his rank, and further this deponent saith not. Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of September 1833

S/ F. Blackburn, JP

The affidavit of Peter Robinson of lawful age taken before me a Justice of the peace for Middlesex County in the State of Virginia, this 19th day of September 1833

This affiant, being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, affirms and says, That he is 68 years of age according to a family register. That he was well acquainted with the late John Layton deceased of this County, that the said Leighton did serve in the Revolutionary war during the year 1778 or 79 & believes that the said Leighton served until the end of the war. This affiant further says that he believes the said Leighton was an officer, but does not know of what grade or rank

S/ Peter Robinson

State of Virginia Middlesex County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Absalom Deagles¹ of said County a credible witness aged seventy-two years who being duly sworn did in my presence testify and declare That he was well acquainted with the late John Layton of Middlesex County, and that he knew the said John Layton whilst in service with him in the Army of the revolutionary war as an Ensign in the 3rd Virginia Regiment that he was generally with said Leighton, employed frequently in guarding the watercourses until the siege of York in 1781 and then parted with the said Leighton and he always understood and verily believes that the said John Layton served until the end of the war. And further this deponent saith not – Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of December 1833

S/ F. Blackburn, JP

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: This file contains many of the same document transcribed above.]

[p 11: deposition of William Harrow and Daniel B Sibley that the veteran died about the year 1818 in Middlesex County leaving six children viz: John, George W., Charles, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Braxton Layton, but the transcript is so garbled as to make it difficult to decipher all of the names. Consequently, I have attached below the slice of the document on which the names appear to be listed so that others can decipher the names for themselves as follows:

¹ [Absalom Degle \(Deagle\) R2796](#)

of children having several
 John Layton who per signed the foregoing declaration
 as his only heir of ^{Lydia Ann, Isabella, and Eunice daughters only}
 Elizabeth ^{George Layton, Chal}
 Layton & Thomas Layton are the reputed and only

By later document, it appears from Braxton Layton died survived by 'Seaten Layton' as his only heir and George W Layton died leaving 3 children, viz.: Lydia Ann, Isabella & Eunice as his only heirs.

[p. 14: Power of attorney dated 1833 apparently signed by all of the alleged heirs as follows

John	John Layton	(Seal)
William Harmon	Seaten Layton	(Seal)
John P. Alley	Lydia Ann Layton	(Seal)
	Isabella Layton	(Seal)
	Thomas Layton	(Seal)
Elizabeth K... ..	Elizabeth Layton	(Seal)
	John Layton	(Seal)
	Isabella Layton	(Seal)