

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Christopher Lambert R6096 MD
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State of Maryland

City of Baltimore Sct.

On this twenty eight day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and eighteen, personally appeared before me the undersigned, Christopher Lambert residing in Baltimore County aged about Sixty five years, an applicant for a pension under the Act of congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war," and then and there made the following declaration on Oath, by me administered, "that he enlisted early in the year 1778 at Frederick Town, Maryland, under Captain Samuel Cox in the 2^d. Maryland Regiment, Col. [Mordecai] Gist, was marched to the northward as far as Philadelphia from thence, by order of Gen Washington, was remarched back, and sent to the Southward, where he was engaged in several actions, particularly the Battle of Camden [either Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC on 25 Apr 1781], where deponent was severely wounded, so much so that he lost the entire use of one hand, and a wound in his head and body. that he continued in the service for about four year, and was honorably discharged in 1782, by Major Harden of the said Regiment, from whom he received a regular written discharge, as an invalid on account of his severe wounds – that his name, in consequence thereof was placed, by order of the Orphans Court of Frederick County on the list of Pension Invalids of fifteen pounds annually. that he relinquishes all former pensions – and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Christopher hisXmark Lambert

State of Maryland, Balt'e County Ss:

Subsequent to signing the foregoing & annexed declaration and certificate, said Christian [sic] Lambert produced a certain George Miller [pension application S35001] aged 66 years or thereabout, who being by me duly sworn doth depose & say, that he served in the regular army at least six years during the Revolutionary War, well knows Christian Lambert the applicant for a pension in this case to have been a regular soldier in the Continental Establishment saw him frequently while in service together & is well assured that said Lambert served the time mentioned in his said declaration

George hisXmark Miller

United State of America

Maryland District SS.

ON this fifth day of September 1820, personally appeared in open court in the District Court in and for the District of Maryland Christopher Lambert aged Sixty five years, resident in Baltimore County in said District who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: Enlisted at TaneyTown in the state of Maryland under Capt Samuel Cox in the 2^d Maryland Regim't for during the war some time in the year 1779 – and continued in the service of the United States on the continental Establishment until the close of the war when he received a discharge from Major Henderson at Frederick Town Maryland and that he hath been on the invalid list of the state of Maryland ever since on account of wounds received, until he made his original declaration before the Honorable Judge Brice at Baltimore on or about the 28th April 1818 as will appear by his pension certificate bearing date the 16 September 1818 and numbered 2455.

and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United State on the 18th March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the

United States, in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

One Cow, some common working Tools or implements and some very ordinary Furniture not worth enumerating the whole not worth \$20 say \$25

That he hath no trade, and hath not been able to labour for the last seven years. His Family consists of his wife named Susanna aged 55 years one Daughter named Elizabeth aged 18 years greatly afflicted with a shattered leg from which the most of the bones have come out One son 13 years Michael – Maria aged 11 years and a young son William 9 years. That he is in such indigent Circumstances as to be unable to support himself except from private or public charity. Christopher hisXmark Lambert

State of Maryland – City of Baltimore

On this 18th day of april 1838 before Baltimore City Court the same being a Court of law and of record, now sitting personally appeared Christopher Lambert aged about Eighty four years a native of Frederick County in the State of Maryland but at present residing in Baltimore. who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress of the United States passed May 15th 1828

That said deponent saith that he entered into the service of the United States in the year 1777 in a Company of Militia, at Taney Town [Taneytown] Frederick County Maryland under Command of Captain Samuel Cox and as well as he remembers afterwards Commanded by Captains Resheds[?] & Orndorff [sic: probably Christian Orendorff S38281]. that under the first named Captain he marched with his company to Annapolis. thence, went by water to the head of Elk [now Elkton MD] & thence to Christianna [sic: Christiana, now Christina, River in DE] – that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and German Town [Germantown 4 Oct 1777] and in several skirmishes and expeditions – one he particularly remembers, by orders from Gen’l Washington to capture a number of cattle belonging to the British at Hamiltons Farm near Philadelphia in which they were successful. The said deponent further saith that shortly after the above events he had permission to return home to Taney Town where he had been but a very short time before he was drafted as a soldier to guard the pensioners captured by General Wahington at Trenton [26 Dec 1776] and sent to Fort Frederick in Washington County Maryland for safe keeping. the said deponent thinks he was detained on this service about two months and when discharge or soon after enlisted as a regular soldier in the second regiment of the Maryland line which as well as remembers was under command of General Guest. that said Regiment was ordered to join the southern Army and this deponent was personally engaged in the Battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Waxaw [sic: Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780; see endnote], Hanging rock [6 Aug 1780; see endnote] & flat rock [20 Jul 1780; see endnote] and in many skirmishes that have now gone from his memory but in one of them whilst in a detachment under the command of a Serjeant he has reason to remember as they were attacked by a company of British Dragoons from whom he received two sabre cuts on the head and wrist and the fingers of his left hand nearly cut off. The marks of which wounds are now visible and exhibited to the Court he also states that he received three buck shot wounds at the same time– two in one of his thighs that have never been extracted and one in his body – the marks of which are still visible. that he was left for dead on the field where he remained for a considerable time before he was taken away by his countrymen and carried to the Hospital at Camden – there he remained under Medical treatment till the capture of lord Cornwallis by the army under General Washington. He was, when sufficiently recovered discharged from service but has lost his papers and has had the misfortune to survive all those persons who if now alive could testify to the truth of his statement and that he faithfully served his country in the revolutionary war as a soldier in the maryland line during the whole war except in those intervals mentioned. He states further that he knew the late General [William] Smallwood, Otho H Williams, Henry Lee, [Col. John] Gunby [Col. Moses] Rawlings Stone [possibly Col. John Hoskins Stone] and was present when the late Col. Forest had his leg and thigh cut off in consequence of a wound received in an engagement with the enemy by the southern army. [sic: Uriah Forrest at the Battle of

Germantown]. his memory now fails him as to dates & places and can now only detail detached facts. he had heard of the name of the late Col [John Eager] Howard of the Maryland line but does not recollect whether he ever saw him. He further states that from his age and extreme poverty and obscure country residence he was not apprised till lately that such provision was made for old revolutionary soldiers by Congress as he now learns has been. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity other than the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state
Christopher hisXmark Lambert

To The Congress of the United States, Gentlemen,

The undersigned respectfully represents that she is the daughter of Christopher Lambert, Deceased, who was a revolutionary soldier and belonged to the Maryland Line, and that during the said war, (she believes at the Battle of French Town [or Trench Town] he was wounded in different places, towit, on the Head, in the left side, and the loss of the use of the left hand, and that he was so much disabled from the said wounds that he was confined in a Hospital for twelve months thereafter, and that during that time the regiment which he belonged to was mustered out of the service, and that he never did receive bounty Land for said services, on account of his confinement in said Hospital he neglected to receive a certificate for the Lands promised him

She also further represents that the said Christopher Lambert was under the Act of Congress authorized to draw an invalid pension, which he continued so to do, up to the year 1818, when Congress passed an act to give all revolutionary soldiers full pay, that is to say, Eight dollars per month, at which time the Commissioner of pensions constructed the act above refered to, as stopping the invilad pensions, and accordingly had stopped the said Christopher Lamberts invilade [sic] Certificate, and from that time until the 24th April 1846 when the said Lambert died, he never did receive any part of said invilade pension., and as the said Lambert was unable from the severity of said wounds to perform any kind of Labour for the suport of himself, she feels confident that it was never the intention of Congress to stop the said invilad pension, and only allow the decreped soldier who was rendered unable to support himself by the wounds received in the service of his country the same pay which was given by Congress as an act of Liberality and gratitude to all revolutionary soldiers who rendered services to his Country at a time which tried mens bravery and love of Country; She therefore respectfully represents that for more then thirteen years before the Death of the said Christopher Lambert she had to keep him and take care of him like a child providing him with everything and at time to provide him with a nurse as she was unable to give him all her attention on account of having a large family to assist in supporting and as she is now advanced in years, with the care of a sick husband she trusts Congress in their wisdom, will take her case into favourable consideration and grant her the bounty Land, and also direct the payment of the back invilad pension due from the year 1818 to the time of the said Lamberts Death in the year 1846, and as in duty bound she will ever pray &ct Respectfully &ct Susan herXmark Cook
Balt'e May 6, 1850

NOTES:

There were no Maryland troops at the Battles of Waxhaws and Hanging Rock or at the skirmish at Flat Rock.

In a power of attorney dated 3 July 1852 Susan Cook stated that she was the widow of Christian Cook.