

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Land R6112

Nightingale Land

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Madison County, Sct.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1819 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared John Land aged about sixty-three years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Madison; and that he was enlisted for five years in Orange County in the State of Virginia on or about the \_\_ day of January or February 1776 or 1777 by one Garland Burnley and served in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Spencer of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel A. McClanachan [Alexander McClanachan] in General Woodford's Brigade of the Virginia line on Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until the fall of Charleston when he was taken prisoner [May 12, 1780] that he was kept about one month and a half when he made his escape from them and was not again in the service his term having shortly after expired and that he never obtained a discharge for that circumstance when he was honorably discharged from the service \_\_\_ in the state of \_\_\_; that he was in service about 5 years and was in the battles of Brunswick [June 22, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] the siege of Charleston where he was taken prisoner and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and has no evidence in his power of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jas. Clark, Circuit Judge

Galand White<sup>1</sup> being first sworn says he was himself near six years a soldier in the Continental Army that he was well acquainted with the within named John Land and knows that he did enlist as he has stated in his declaration that he frequently afterwards saw him and served with him in the Army that he saw him at Charleston but a few days before the fall of that place when said Land was taken prisoner. That the said Land is reputed a very poor man that from infirmity he is incapable of labor.

John Land being first sworn says that the within named John Land is a very poor man what property he has is not sufficient to support him and that he is too infirm to labor.

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, [Galen White S31476](#)

The foregoing depositions were taken and sworn to before me the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ Jas. Clark, Circuit Judge

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The foregoing declaration of John Land having been returned for further proof of services I do certify that on this 14<sup>th</sup> of September 1819 Ambrose Tomlin came before me James Clark one of the Circuit Judges for the State of Kentucky and the same before whom the declaration was made and the said Ambrose Tomlin being sworn agreeably to law stated upon oath: that he has been well acquainted with the aforesaid John Land ever since the year 1771 or 1772 and that he well recollects that the said Land enlisted in the Continental service in Captain Joseph Spencer's Company of the Regiment commanded by Colonel McClanachan he thinks the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment – He knows that the said Land enlisted in the year 1776 and that he continued in the service until the fall of Charleston when he was taken prisoner. That he has a perfect recollection of all the above facts. I further certify that I am acquainted with this witness Ambrose Tomlin and the witness Garland White who was here before examined and that they are men of good character for truth and honesty and full faith all to be given to their statements.

As to the supposed contradiction in the declaration of the applicant, I have interrogated him upon that subject, he states he only enlisted for 3 years, as he believed at the time of enlistment, that at the expiration of the 3 years his officers contended that the enlistment was for 5 years and refused to discharge him; That he made his escape from the enemy as stated in his declaration, and was never exchanged or again called into service – that his recollection does not enable him to state with any degree of certainty the length of time that elapsed between his capture and the termination of his enlistment, he recollects however he never was required to perform any service after he made his escape. The applicant is a very aged and infirm man, and has in a great degree lost from some cause the faculty of speech, so much so, that it is with difficulty he can make himself understood. I think therefore that the supposed contradiction in the declaration (but which I do not perceive) is attributable to myself and not to the applicant. Certified under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1819

S/ Jas. Clark, Circuit Judge

Madison County to wit January Court 1821

On Motion of John Land who produced in open Court his pension Schedule and certificate which was sworn to – It is ordered that the same be recorded and certified to the Secretary of the War Department which is in in the following words to wit

Schedule

District of Kentucky, Madison County Sct.

On this first day of January 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said district; and Madison County, By act of Assembly having its proceedings duly recorded and possessing the power to fine and imprison for contempt John Land aged 65 years resident in said Madison 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: He was enlisted [by] Lieutenant Garland Burnley of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment under Colonel McClanachan in Orange County Virginia he thinks two years before General Wayne and took Stony Point [July 16, 1779]; In 1777 to serve for three years that he served five years and was discharged at Valley Forge by General William Woodford was in the battles at

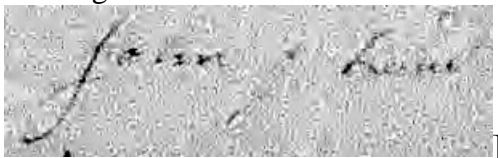
Brandywine and Germantown. The last two years of time he served in the Second Virginia Regiment under Colonel William Heath [William Heth] General Charles Scott Brigadier; and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

156 acres of land in the Cliffs of Paint Lick for which gave a few years since but I do not think it worth as much, as it is almost all uncultivable	\$80.00
Two horses worth	55.00
One cow and three heifers	20.00
Seven hogs shoats generally	7.00
Seven or eight sheep	8.00
Poultry	1.00
Farming Utensils	4.00
kitchen furniture	1.50
House furniture besides my bed	5.00
	\$179.50

I have nothing due to me, and owe one dollar for a hat My occupation is farming, that I have lost the use of my limbs and nearly my speech; my wife aged fifty-six is in a low State of health My son Moses aged seventeen years Elizabeth sixteen years and night and day of aged fourteen years and my grand William Henry aged eleven years compose my family and unless I get support from the government I must come on the county, the Number of my pension certificate is 15412.

S/ John Land, X his mark

[p 10: On July 8, 1851 in Garrard County Kentucky, John J. Land, 52, filed an application for the pension due his mother as the widow of John Land, a revolutionary war pensioner; he states that he is the son and administrator of John Land deceased and of Nightingale Land, deceased, the wife of said John Land; he states that his mother's maiden name was Nightingale Land [sic]; that his parents were married in Pendleton County Virginia some time in the year 1787; that his father died in Madison County Kentucky September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1846; that his mother Nightingale Land died in Decatur County Indiana on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1849; that his mother never drew the pension due her as the widow of his father; that the only children of the said Nightingale Land now living are this declarant aged 52, Joseph Land aged 56, Rosanah Land aged 54, Moses Land aged 48.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 12, 1819, for service as a

private for 5 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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

The affidavit of John Land a Citizen of Madison County and State of Kentucky, who makes oath and states that he enlisted during the War as a private Soldier in the month of February 1776 in the regular Army in the Virginia Continental line and served as a revolutionary Soldier and that he honorably left the Army.

He states that he enlisted and served in the Company of Captain Joseph Spencer in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander McClanachan that the place of rendezvous was at Fauquier Courthouse in the State of Virginia and he was there put under the command of Brigadier General Andrew Lewis and marched from there to Guinn's Island [Gwynn Island] and fought Dunmore's [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of Virginia, July 8-10, 1776] Infantry he marched from thence to Gloucester Town he and others was sent around by water to Fredericksburg we being sick and went from thence home and stayed at home about 3 or 4 months until I got well