

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lane R6140

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State of North Carolina Green [sic, Greene] County} On this 12 day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Greene County now sitting William Lane a resident of the County of Green & State of North Carolina aged eighty one years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers Colonel Samuel Campbell commanded the Regiment and he volunteered under Captain Thomas Tyre to go upon a service of three months, that at that time he resided in Craven County State of North Carolina that he entered the service and was upon this tour at the time independence was declared in 1776 and that he returned home his time having expired in August. That upon his entering he was marched by his Captain to Wilmington and remained there during the three months. That a few days after he returned home he went as a substitute for Southford Nelson [?] for three months under Captain Silas Stevenson and marched again to Wilmington that in this term of service Colonel Dry<sup>1</sup> commanded the Regiment that at this time he was part of the time in Wilmington & part at Brunswick below Wilmington. That immediately upon this term of service having expired he volunteered for three months longer under Captain Bledsoe. Colonel Dry still commanding that part of this time he was at Wilmington and part at Beaufort's bridge [Buford's Bridge]<sup>2</sup> that he was engaged in a skirmish with the enemy at or near Captain Bledsoe's house near the mouth of Cape Fear River in which engagement Captain Bledsoe was killed the name of the Lieutenant was Levi West [?]<sup>3</sup> -- that after this time he returned home & was at home near two months when he volunteered under Captain Battle for three months & was by him marched to Georgetown State of South Carolina. That Colonel Bradley was in command at that time -- after this he returned home and volunteered in the Continental line for eighteen months and marched as far as Halifax under the command of Major Blount [Reading Blount] & Major Coleman from this place he was sent with dispatches to General Washington. After the

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<sup>1</sup> The War department interpreted this name as Colonel Day.

<sup>2</sup> J D Lewis notes: "The bridge was a recently constructed "swing bridge" that was built by a man named Mr. Buford in the early 1770s. But, by the late 1770s, it had been purchased by a Mr. Heron and everyone in the vicinity knew it as Heron's Bridge - primarily because he strengthened it considerably and made it much more reliable. But, the "old timers" still called it Buford's Bridge." [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_herons\\_bridge.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_herons_bridge.html)

delivering his letters he returned & having been injured by a [indecipherable word]<sup>4</sup> he was discharged after serving 4 months. This was in 1779.

In 1780 he was in New Bern under Captain Green [James Green] guarding the prison in which Tories were confined for the space of 2 months when in consequence of sickness he was discharged. That he has lost all the discharges he had from time to time received -- by fire which consumed his house & all his papers in 1786. He further hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. That Benjamin Cox<sup>5</sup> is the only person living at this time to his knowledge who knows the facts of his serving that he resides in the County of Lenoir and is so infirm that he cannot get to court unless conveyed in a cart.

S/ William Lane



Sworn to in open Court before me this 12th July 1833

S/ William Williams, Clerk

The foregoing statement having been made upon oath by the said William Lane the following questions were propounded by the Court and the following answers returned.

Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Craven County about 25 miles from New Bern on the 20th of September 1752.

Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the revolutionary war? And where do you now live?

I was living in the neighborhood of where I was born in Craven County. Since the revolutionary war I have lived in the counties of Greene, Lenoir & Craven in the State of North Carolina I now live in Greene County.

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

I volunteered except on one occasion when I went as a substitute for Southford Nelson State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service --

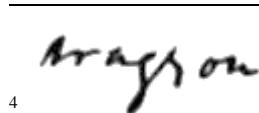
Major Coleman & Blount were the only Continental officers I served under. Colonel Dry, Colonel Campbell, Colonel Bradley, Captain Tyre, Captain Stevenson, Captain Battle, Captain Bledsoe & Lieutenant West, Ensign Carlton [?] And the names of the militia officers under whom I served they were others but their names at this time or not recollected. The general circumstances of my services are stated in the foregoing declaration --

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received several discharges from Captain Tyre, Captain Stevenson, Colonel Dry gave one discharge, Major Blount & Major Coleman gave me a discharge when I returned home from Halifax. These discharges were all burnt in my house in 1786.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can

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<sup>5</sup> [Benjamin Cox S2440](#)

testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution.

Caleb Spivey, Reverend Thomas Moore, Tilman Holliday, James Edwards and several others [Caleb Spivey, a clergyman, and James Harper gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On October 18, 1847 in Duplin County North Carolina, Elizabeth Jackson, a resident of said County and State, aged 59 on December 26 next filed a declaration stating that she is the only surviving child of William Lane deceased late of Green County North Carolina; that her father died January 6, 1835 without leaving any widow or any children but affiant; she files the declaration to obtain the pension due her father at his death. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 11: On October 17 1848 in Duplin County North Carolina, William J. Jackson, 47 next month, filed a declaration saying he is a grandson of William Lane; that William Lane died in Greene County North Carolina January 5, 1834 leaving no widow but leaving 2 children, Lucretia Suggs, a widow who died in about 12 months thereafter leaving 2 children one of whom is since dead and the other video who intermarried with William Wilson the residence of Onslow County North Carolina) and Elizabeth Jackson the mother of this affiant who is living in Duplin County; that 2 of his (William Lane's) sons James & Laban emigrated to Kentucky 40 years ago and have not been heard from for over 20 years.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that William Lane a private Soldier in Captain Evans Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1782, for the term of 18 months. That he was allowed in 1782 as one of the 18 months drafts the sum of \$76.60.

Given under my hand this 26th of October 1847

S Wm Hill Secretary of State