

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Laughon¹ R6146

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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.]

United States of America

The declaration of Isham Lauhon [sic]

In order to obtain the benefit of the second section of the Act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836

State of Virginia, Bedford County to wit

On this 25th day of March 1844, personally appeared before the County Court of Bedford County and State of Virginia, Isham Laughon a resident of the aforesaid County and state; aged sixty eight 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836: That he is the son and legal heir of Henry Laughon deceased who was a regular soldier in the revolutionary war, that he enlisted in the year 1776 or 1777 for the whole time of the war and he believes he was under Captain Alexander Cummings; and he served to the close of the war and that he had seen his Father Henry Laughon come home on a furlough and returned to the war and remained in service to the end of the war, and that he has no documentary evidence to support his claim.

He further declares that he is son and legal heir of Henry Laughon deceased, that his father the said Henry Laughon deceased in the summer or fall of the year 1836, in the County of Amherst Virginia, having been some years previous to his death reduced to the necessity of going to the poor house of Amherst County for his support; as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Isham Laughon, X his mark

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit SS

Be it known that before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally came before me John Ayers and Affirmed that he was personally acquainted with Henry Laughon and that the said Henry Laughon rented a part of his Father's Land during the Revolutionary War. And he was absent from home as a regular soldier during the whole of the war, and he believes that it was more than three years before he came home and that he understood he was at the taking of Wallace [probably a reference to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781] and not until after that time did he returned home

¹ This application is erroneously indexed on Fold3.com as "Langham, Joshua."

at the end of the war and he believes no family suffered more than Henry Laughon & family did during the Revolutionary War; and that Isham Laughon is a son of Henry Laughon as he was acknowledged by the said Henry Laughon Dec'd to be his son.

Given under my hand and seal this the 6th day of March 1844

S/ James L Wingfield, JP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James L. Wingfield, JP". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Note: The file contains a power of attorney dated March 17, 1854 filed in Campbell County Virginia by Joshua Laughon who is said to be a son of Henry Laughon, allegedly a revolutionary war veteran. He signed his name as:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Laughon". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

There is no documentation in this file explaining why the file appears under the name "Joshua Langham" as there is no mention of a veteran by that name in this file.]

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Addendum to Henry Laughon R6146

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 19 Aug 2020.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

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The memorial of the heir and legal representative of Henry Laughon Dec late a private in the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution, Respectfully Sheweth That the said Henry Laughon in the year 1777 enlisted under Captain Alexander Cummins [VAS1730] in the Virginia Continental line to serve for the term of five years and was attached to the first Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col. Green [John Green BLWt866-500] that he served the said term faithfully and was honorably discharged from service. All of which will more appear by reference to the army Register of the Continental line and the accompanying of respectable persons affidavit who knew that he served as a regular in the War of the Revolution to its closing and

Your memorialist further states that in his life time he never applied for or drew the land Bounty promised by the state of Virginia, nor have his heirs since his death applied for or drew the same.

Your memorialist therefore humbly prays that your excellency will grant them the usual quantity of land allowed to a soldier of the Virginia continental line pursuant to the laws of Virginia, in such cases made and provided and as in duty bound shall ever pray &c. Isham hisXmark Laughon

State of Virginia/ Bedford County, to wit

This day Isham Laughon one of the heirs of the said Henry Laughon came before me a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid and made oath that he had seen Henry Laughon at different times return home on ferlow and that he had on his uniform clothes & that he knew of his returning & absence from home to the close of the war and had frequently heard him state that he had served during the whole war and the facts as set fourth in the foregoing memorial he belives to be true. Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of March 1844.

Lewis C. Arthur

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