

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Langston R6149

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State of Illinois Morgan County: Anno Domini 1832 on the 11th day of September personally appeared in open court before Samuel D. Lockwood Judge of the Circuit Court now sitting -- William Langston a resident in Morgan County State of Illinois aged seventy years who being first 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 & served as herein stated.

I William Langston living in Granville County North Carolina in April 1777 volunteered and entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in a company commanded by Capt. John Farrar. The militia from the neighboring counties rendezvoused at Patonsburg [sic, Peytonsburg<sup>1</sup>] in Halifax County in June about 400 in number the Regiment was commanded by Major Dickson [probably Hal or Henry Dixon] from there we marched to Caswell County North Carolina against the English & Tories at this place we were joined by the Guilford troops so-called about 600 in number there were present of the Continental officers at that time Major Tatchain [?] -- Col. Archibald Lytle and Major Matthew Ramsey -- we had no battle or skirmish while out. I entered the service for 9 months -- but at this place in the month of August same year there were about 300 of the men received a furlough for until March following -- I was one of the number -- I received from Capt. Jno Farrar a certificate of the time when I entered the service and my furlough from Col. Archibald Lytle. These papers I sent on to the war department by Major Eaton where they now are as I suppose. The time of my actual service was only about 3 months -- and after my furlough had expired I never was called upon to enter the service. I know of no living person who can testify to my service in this campaign. I am well known to William A. Langston a clergyman in my present neighborhood and to Aaron Davis also a neighbor. I was born April 15th 1762 in Granville County North Carolina my father had a record of my age -- I took the record from him and have preserved it. At 19 years of age I moved into Chatham

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<sup>1</sup> **Highway Marker Text: Peytonsburg (L 50):** Nearby to the east once stood the community of Peytonsburg, a part of Halifax County when the county was formed in 1752. Peytonsburg was incorporated as a town in 1759 by the Virginia General Assembly and became part of Pittsylvania County in 1766. During the Revolutionary War, by the late 1770s, Peytonsburg was serving as a supply depot for southern colonial troops. Horseshoes and wooden canteens were made there for colonial troops. During the 1780s, Peytonsburg was a terminus of a mail route that ran from the town to Richmond. The inhabitants gradually left the town during the 19th century, and the buildings gradually disappeared. North Carolina Department of Historic Resources, 2001. <http://www.victorianvilla.com/sims-mitchell/local/peytonsburg/vamkr/01/index.htm>

County North Carolina and lived there 12 years -- from thence I moved into Pendleton County South Carolina for a term of 3 years from thence I removed into Barnwell County South Carolina where I remained 5 years -- from thence I removed into Jefferson County East Tennessee where I lived 2 years from there I moved into Warren County Kentucky for a term of 2 years from there I moved into Rutherford County West Tennessee where I lived 8 years from there I moved into Sumner County Tennessee and lived there 1 year from thence I moved back to Rutherford County West Tennessee and remained 1 year -- from there I moved to Howard County Missouri where I lived 2 years -- from there I moved back to Rutherford County Tennessee where I lived 3 years -- from there I moved into the County Missouri where I lived 2 years -- from there I moved into Rolls County Missouri where I lived 2 years from thence I moved to Morgan County Illinois where I now live -- for my service I have never received any pay and never received a discharge -- the furlough was given without any request from me and we were ordered to be ready for service after March -- and served the remainder of the 9 months.

S/ William Langston, X his mark

[William A. Langston, a clergyman, and Aaron Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office October 10th 1851

I William J. Clarke Comptroller of public accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for military service in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit

William Langston

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I furthermore certify that Archibald Lytle was a Col., Henry Dickson a Major, Thomas Donoho a Capt., Matthew Ramsey a Capt., Miles McShea a Lieut. & Ralph Williams a Lieut. in the troops of the said state in the Revolutionary war.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office.

S/ William J. Clarke, Comptroller

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State of Illinois County of Scott

On this 21st day of August A.D. 1851 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court for the County of Scott and State of Illinois now sitting for that purpose William Langston a resident of the County of Scott and State of Illinois aged 90 years who being first duly sworn according to law declares on his oath the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated:

That he volunteered in the service of the United States in the War of the revolution in the County of Granville and State of North Carolina on or about the first day of May A.D. 1778 in the Company commanded by Capt. John Farrow in the Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Little [sic, Lytle]; that he volunteered in said Company for the term of 9 months that after he volunteered in said Company, he was marched from Granville County in the State of North

Carolina to Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia at which place and on the 4th of June A.D. 1778 he was ordered to march to the County of Caswell in the State of North Carolina for the purpose of guarding the State Legislature which was then or about to be in session at which place his Company was put in command of Capt. William Dunnihu [sic] in which Company he continued till the expiration of his term of service, and was honorably discharged on or about the first day of February 1779.

Questions by the court

Where were you born and in what year?

I was born in the County of Granville in the State of North Carolina, in the year A.D. 1762 on the 15th day of April.

Have you any record of your age?

I have my father's old Family Bible in which is my age is written in my Father's hand write and is as follows: William Langston son of James and Jane was born April 15th 1762

Where were you living when called into service, where he views lived since and where do you now live?

I was living in Granville County in the State of North Carolina when called into service. Since which time I have lived in the State of Tennessee and Kentucky and the State of Missouri, I have lived in the County of Scott and State of Illinois for the last twenty-one years and still reside in said County

How were you called into service?

I volunteered

State the names of some of the Regular officers

Ans. Major Dixon, Capt. Matthew Ramsey, Lieut. Ralph Williams Adjutant McShehe

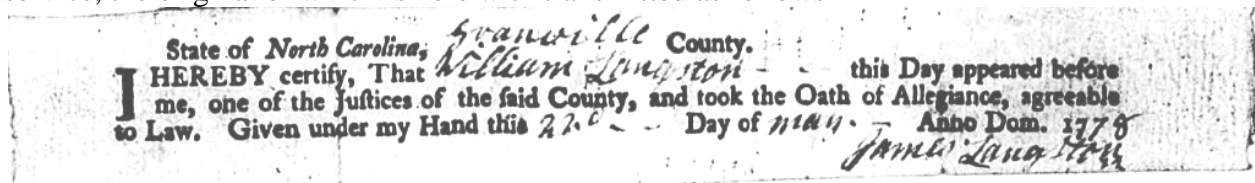
Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

I never received a written discharge but was honorably discharged verbally.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for truth and veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution.

I will refer to Absalom Peak, Edward Mitchell, William D. Smithson

That he further states that he was required to take an oath of allegiance before he entered the service, the original of which is here with transmitted as follows



State of North Carolina, Granville County. *William Langston* this Day appeared before  
I HEREBY certify, That *William Langston* me, one of the Justices of the said County, and took the Oath of Allegiance, agreeable  
to Law. Given under my Hand this *22<sup>o</sup>* Day of *May* Anno Dom. *1778*  
*James Langston*

After his time was out namely in April 1779 he was drafted for another tour but did not serve that he here with presents his Capt.'s certificate of the fact.

"April 9<sup>th</sup> 1779 I hereby certify that William Langston is [illegible] drafted agreeable to Law certified [illegible]

S/ James Langston Capt."

He further states that he knows of no surviving witness by which he can prove his service. He 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ John Moses, Judge of said Court

S/ William Langston, X his mark

[William A. Langston and Isaac W. Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]