

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Large: R6165

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State of Kentucky}

County of Lawrence} Sct.

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March AD. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Lawrence County Nancy Large a resident of said County, aged Eighty nine years, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1837, also the act of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, also the act passed the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1843, also the act passed the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1844, and the act passed February the 2<sup>d</sup> 1848. That she is the widow of William Large, who was a private in the Company commanded by Capt. (not recollected) in the [blank] Regiment of North Carolina Militia, or state troops, commanded probably by Col. [Benjamin] Cleveland Harrison or Middleton & Major Boykin who was under the command of (she believes) Genl Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] [Francis] Marion or Lee [possibly Col Henry Lee]. That he entered the service of the United States, on or about the [blank] day of [blank] 1779 or 1780, under the above named officers, on Catawba River State of North Carolina, for the term of two years, (or perhaps three years) the exact time she does not know. And that he, with Thomas Large & others were rendezvoused at a place called Ran Sowards Mills [Ramsuers interlined; sic: Ramsours Mill on a branch of Catawba River in present Lincoln County NC], where there was some fighting between the Americans and British [20 June 1780], and afterwards, were marched from there into the state of South Carolina, under the same officers, and was in a Battle at a small fort which was taken by the Americans from the British, by Gen'l. Sumpter (she believes) and his men [Cary's Fort in Kershaw County, 9 Aug 1780]. And after that he was in the Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] and one on the Wateree in which Col Tarlton defeated the Americans [probably skirmish at Fishing Creek in present Chester County SC where Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton routed Gen. Thomas Sumter on 18 Aug 1780], and from there, were marched to a place called Kings Mountain, where another battle was fought [7 Oct 1780], and British defeated by the Americans. She further declares that she always understood from her husband in his lifetime, that he was in all the aforesaid, and other engagements, and that he continued in actual service, under one engagement of two years, (or perhaps three) and an other engagement of ten months, which was for and during the full terms of his enlistments of either two years, and ten months, which was for and during the full terms of his enlistments, of either two years and ten months or three years and ten months under the two engagements. And was then honorably discharged at a place unknown to me, on or about the [blank] day of [blank] 1780 or 1781, but the names of the officers or the time or place where he was discharged, she cannot now recollect. She further swears that she knows he had an honorable discharge, she having often saw it in his possession, up to the time of his death, and that the same was handed, with all the other papers into the hands of my husbands Administrator where it may yet remain. She further swears that she has no record or documentary evidence of the services of her husband, but refers to the Records of the War Department, Adjutant Generals office and the pay rolls, where she believes the services time of discharge &c of her husband will be found. And her pension granted her. She further swears that she was married to the said William Large on the third day of Jany Seventeen hundred and eighty three, in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia, by one John Bailey a minister of the Gospel; that her husband the aforesaid William Large, died in Russell County State of Virginia on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1812; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the second day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four; Viz at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow, and has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband and that she has never before made any application for a pension. Sworn to & subscribed before me, on the day and year above written.

Nancy herXmark Large

NOTE: The application of Nancy Large was supported by her sister-in-law, Milly Large, 98, who stated that she witnessed her marriage. This Milly Large, widow of Thomas Large, submitted a pension application (R6164) that was virtually identical to the one above. On 15 Dec 1853 John W. Large, 67, also deposed in behalf of Nancy Large. In the file is a copy of a marriage return by John Bailey from Pittsylvania County VA transcribed as follows:

Memorandum of Marrages

Dec'r 17 1782 James Roberson & Charlott Hollins

Moses Crawford & Susanah Willys 22 D. —

David Crawford & Christian Terry —

Wm. Large & Nancy Furbush 3<sup>d</sup> (third) of Jan. 1783 (Seventeen hundred & eighty three)

Thos. Large & Milly Adkins Oct'r. 8 (eighth) 1782 (Seventeen hundred & eighty two)

Robt. Boleman & Bettsey Haines Aust. 17 1782

Sep'r 10 Jno Midkiff & Mary Parsons

Oct'r. 24 Saml. Dunkin & Mary Lawson, also Jno. Walton & Larance Polley married the same day

Dec'r. 2 1782 Petter Freeman & Mary Combs Married by me Jno. Bailey