

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Larkins R6167 BLWt 9837 Catharine Larkins

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War Department

Section of M. Bty Lands & Pensions

February 17th 1813

By the Records in this Office it appears that a Warrant to satisfy the claim of James Larkins (who was a Soldier in the Pennsylvania Line of the late Revolutionary Army of the United States) was issued to Michael Stever Ass^e [sic, Assignee] under the number 9837 dated March 10th 1795.

S/ Nat. Cutting

The Warrant is in favor of Michael Stever ass^e of James Larkins—the latter wants to know by what authority the former obtained the Warrant—That information tis presumed may be had at the War Department.

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State of Ohio, Harrison County:

On the fourth day of February 1819, before me, Samuel Boyd, one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Harrison County, personally appeared James Larkins, aged Sixty one years, a citizen of the county aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to Law, makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining relief under the provisions of the act of Congress passed March 18, 1818, 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 enlisted near Taconey [sic, Tacony] town in the State of Maryland on the 25th day of April 1777 in Capt. David Hopkins' Company, 4th Regiment Light Dragoons, commanded by Colonel Stephen Moyland [Steven Moylan] of the Pennsylvania Line; that Zebulon Pike was paymaster, Henry Bedkin Adjutant and Patrick Bennett Quarter Master of said Regiment; that after having been in the battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] under Capt. David Hopkins, after which he belonged to a detached Company of Dragoons under the command of Capt. John Herd at the siege of York, and capture of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]; that afterwards he was transferred to another detached company of Dragoons under the command of Capt. Erasmus Gill, in which company he served in South Carolina in the Regiment aforesaid, where he was wounded severely in the thigh; that he continued serving in said Regiment of Light Dragoons, until the 9th of March, 1783, the time of the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace with Great Britain, although he received a

conditional discharge at Lancaster, Pennsylvania on the 22 September 1782, signed by Jonah Hallett, then Adjutant of said Regiment of Light Dragoons, by order of Benjamin Lincoln, then Secretary of War; that through time and accidents his discharge has been lost; that he is infirm and in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country; that he herewith transmits all the evidence in his power of the foregoing facts, and that he hereby relinquishes all rights and title to any other pension from the government of the United States.

Sworn to and declared the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Boyd
Associate Judge &c.

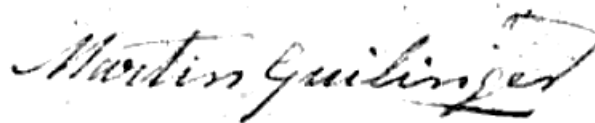
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This day came personally before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for Harrison County, Martin Guilinger and after being sworn in the cors [course?] of law deposeth and saith that has been acquainted with James Larkins a Revolutionary Soldier for many years and from the wound that he received and his advance in years render him incapable of his own support and his present circumstance Require his Country's aid and further this deponent sayeth not.

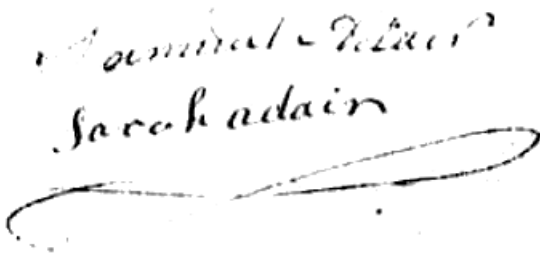
Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 17th day of December in the year of our Lord 1818

S/ B. W. Veirs, JP

S/ Martin Guilinger



[p 20: On November 11, 1818 in Highland County Ohio, Samuel Adair and Sarah Adair gave testimony in support of the veteran's claim for a pension; Samuel Adair testified that to his own knowledge James Larkins enlisted himself as a soldier in the Cavalry of the United States to serve 7 years and was legally discharged and that he has read his discharge; Sarah Adair testified that the testimony given by Samuel Adair was just and true.



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I do hereby certify that James Larkins a Sergeant in the 4th Regiment light Dragoons commanded by Colonel Stephen Moreland in the Service of the United States of America in the Revolutionary war – whose duty it had been for some considerable time to range the headlines of the Enemy, was on or near the middle of January 1782 Severely wounded in the service of his Country on the lines near Bacons Bridge, in the State of South Carolina in his left thigh with a stab having one of the main leaders and one of the main veins in his thigh cut into, thereby Bleeding &c – until His Life Was Nearly despaired of and by which together with Old age joined to the Sore fatigues of 7 years faithful Service in the defense of his Country he is rather nearly

incapable of making a comfortable support for life I Subscriber being personally present when the wound was received & belonged to the Corps.

S/ Tealix X Duffy [his mark]

Somerset County: SS

before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said County Personally appeared the above named Tealix Duffy¹ = and after being Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God = and on his Solemn Oath doth say that the above Certificate contains a true statement to the best of his knowledge = as to the Service & Suffering of the above named James Larkin in Defense of the United States in Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Sworn before me this 15th of December 1812

S/ John Mitchell

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State of Ohio, Harrison County.

On this 31st day of July A. D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Common Pleas of said County, in the fifth Judicial Circuit of Ohio, the same being a court of record, James Larkins aged Sixty Two years, Resident in said Harrison County, who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath declares that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: he enlisted in the 4th Regiment Light Dragoons of the Pennsylvania Line commanded by Col. Stephen Moyland [Stephen Moylan] in Capt. David Hopkins Company on the 25th of April 1777 at Menockase [?] in Frederick County in the State of Maryland. He was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, and at the capture of Lord Cornwallis; that he served seven years successively in said Regiment and was honorably discharged at Lancaster in Pennsylvania on the 9th day March 1783 by Jonah Hallett Adjutant of said Regiment by order of Benjamin Lincoln Secretary at War. That the date of his original declaration was the 4th of February 1819. That he has received a pension certificate and that the number thereof is 11,558. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to Diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act entitled "Act to provide for certain personages in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in this Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed, viz.

Schedule of all property or Securities, contracts or Debts, owned by or due me:

1 Plough	\$3.00	1 Reel	\$0.25
2 Pair horse Geers	1.50	1 Pair Sheers	0.25
3 Cows	24.00	1 Do Scissors	0.06 ¼
2 Small Bells	0.50	6 Cups & Saucers	0.50
2 Steers	20.00	6 Plates	0.25

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2 Calves	0.25	1 old Tea Pot	0.12 ½
1 Ewe & Lamb	1.50	1 old Coffee Pot	0.12 ½
1 Tea Canister	0.06 ¼	1 Bread Server	0.12 ½
1 Coffee Mill	0.12 ½	2 Pair Spectacles	0.50
1 Ten Gallon Kettle	2.00	2 Scythes	1.75
5 Knives & 4 forks	0.25	1 Cradle	0.12 ½
1 Dutch Oven (broken lid)	0.10	2 old Sickles	0.12 ½
6 spoons	0.12 ½	2 hoes	1.00
1 old Trunk	0.12 ½	2 Axes	2.00
1 Churn & 2 Buckets	0.50	1 Old Basket	0.12 ½
1 Old Table	0.50	1 Old Bible	1.00
5 Old Chairs	0.75	1 Psalm Book	0.25
1 Spinning wheel	1.00	1 Hymn Book	0.75
1 old flour Barrel	0.06 ¼	3 School Books	0.75
		1 Testament	0.25
		10 Old Books	0.75
		1 Inkstand	0.12 ½
		He also has a crop of Grain	10.94 ½
		Supposed to be worth	<u>44.62 ½</u>
			55.56 ½

Debts due him

From Joseph Hendricks \$2.25

Seth Larkins 1.00

Valentine Fisher 1.12 ½

Eln Chane 1.25

Pension from the State of Pennsylvania

\$40 Per Annum

Then following is an account of Debts owing by said James Larkins, viz.--

To Joseph Hendricks \$80

To Hugh Orr 70

To George Riggle 7.50

To Morris Albaugh 7.50

To John Rea 15.00

To Beach Spring Congregation 4.00

To John Miller 2.60

To John Gutshall 3.00

To Rowland Craig 58.87 ½

To Thomas Bingham & Co. 5.07 ½

To Thomas Fleming	2.50
To Wm. J. Harrison	6.72 ½
Due to Squire Maxwell's Docket	16.00
Doct. Cummings	unknown
Doct Ackerly	unknown
Jacob Reason	7.50
John Reason	<u>3.75</u>
	\$294.32 ½

And this Declarant further swears that the situation of himself and family is as follows – he is infirm from Rheumatic Afflictions and unable to do more than a fourth or an half day's work-- his wife is 60 years of age, Sickly and unable to do but little work, he has three children at home, one son will be 21 years old by the 17th of October next one other son will be 18, 5th of August next one Daughter aged 14, very Sickly. This Deponent is a Taylor [sic, tailor] by Trade but on account of the failure of his Eye Sight can work but little at all.

S/ James Larkins²

Sworn to & Declared on the 31st day of July 1820 in open Court.



S/ William Tinsley, Clerk

[p 12: On January 5, 1856 in Wyandot, Ohio, Betsy Cook, 49, filed affidavit saying she was the daughter of James Larkins and his wife Catharine Gerlinger, who were lawfully married on July 3, 1783 in Lancaster County, PA by Henry Mechlenberg, V. D. M.; that her father died July 12, 1828 at Harrison County, Ohio; that her mother died in Tuscarawas County, Ohio on April 27, 1837; that she and James Larkins of Green County, Ohio are the only living children of her parents 'known to affiant.'

Betsy Cook

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[p 23: power of attorney dated December 14, 1855 signed by Betsy Cook and James Larkin authorizing their attorney to pursue the claim of their father James Larkins.

Betsy Cook 
James Larkin 

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 4, 1811 for service as a Sergeant in the Pennsylvania Continental line for 6 years.]

² I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to that of the body of the application. Indeed, the clerk of Court certifies that the document is a true copy of the record taken from the court records of Harrison County Ohio.