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Pension application of Samuel Latham R6175

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State of Tennessee one County: The declaration of Samuel Latham in order to obtain a pension under the act of 7 of June 1832

On this 12th day of March 1834 before the honorable Parry W. Humphreys Judge of the Hickman Circuit Court now sitting in open court personally appeared Samuel Latham a resident of Hickman County aged about 74 years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say

I was born in the State of Virginia Northumberland County in the year 1759 where I lived until 7 years of age when I moved to North Carolina -- Guilford County where I lived during the revolutionary war. I first volunteered into Captain Robert Bell Company James Campbell Lieutenant in the year I think 1775 in the first of the winter. We marched from Guilford court house where we rendezvoused, under Captain Bell down to Camden where we joined some troops under Colonel Francis Locke and Lieutenant Colonel Paseley [sic, John Paisley] of the NC Militia. We encamped at Camden and remained there during my first tour which was three months. At the end of this tour we all got discharges signed by Captain Bell. My discharge is lost. I then returned to Guilford.

My second tour of 3 months I also volunteered, into Captain Davis Company George Purvis Lieutenant. We marched under Captain Davis on towards Augusta to join General Lincoln at head quarters. During this tour of three months the battle of Stonoe [sic, Stono] was fought. As we were marching down and accident happened to meet at the Cherokee ponds near Baken's bridge [sic, Bacons bridge?]. From the excessive heat of the weather and the first of the soldiers several of them think in among whom I was one. In this condition one of the wagons carrying the baggage ran over me crossing my right hip and passing off my left shoulder. I remained here 23 days without being able to walk. Next morning after this accident happened I got [a] discharge from Captain Davis. This tour was commenced in the year __ . About half of my 3 months expired before this accident happened and I was 3 or 400 miles from home.

In my third tour I was drafted into Tillman Dickson [sic, Tilghman Dixon] company, Lieutenant Charles Dickson [this is probably a reference to Charles Dixon], Hall Dickson [this is probably a reference to Col. Henry Dixon whose nickname was "Hal"] was Colonel. I was drafted and stationed at Hillsboro to be in readiness to serve when called upon. I remained 7 months in this situation at Guilford and got a discharge for 7 months. The terms of the draft were for 10 or 12 months usually called the 12 months men. This discharge together with all my others is lost.

I have no record of my age.

I was living as above stated in Guilford when called into the service. Soon after Peace I moved to South Carolina and married on Saluda [River], where remaining 2 or 3 years, I moved to East Tennessee where I remained 3 or 4 years. I then moved to Illinois where I stayed 5 or 6 years. I then returned to West Tennessee and after living in the areas counties in this State settled in Hickman where I now live and have been living some time.

I volunteered as above stated in my 2 first tours of 3 months each. My last tour I was drafted.

There was General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Tillman Dickson, and Hall Dickson and the others I have stated who were with the troops where I served. The general circumstances of my service so far as I recollect have been stated.

I received discharges in all my tours signed as above stated which are lost.

I am acquainted with Garrett Lam, Hodge Adams, Cave Johnson and Bolin Gordin a member of the convention of Tennessee who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency in any State.

S/ Saml. Latham, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid

S/ M. Easley, Clerk

By S/ Wm P. Sebastian

[The standard supporting affidavit is attached but is in blank and is not signed by anyone.]

State of Tennessee Hickman County: This day personally came John Mallugan¹ at his residence in said County before me George Hicks an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law that he became acquainted with Samuel Latham (who is an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 & who now resides in the County & State aforesaid) about the year 1775 or 1776 and that said Latham and Deponent entered the Service of the United States as volunteers in the last of December or the first of January and as well as deponent recollects in the year 1775 or 1776 as volunteers under Captain Robert Bell and James Campbell Lieutenant at Guilford Court House State of North Carolina from thence we went to Camden where we was stationed 3 months (or the balance of the time we volunteered for which was 3 months) under the command of Colonel Francis Locke and General Matthew Locke and at the end of the 3 months the said Latham myself & the balance of the company returned home to Guilford County where said Latham & myself both resided -- July 10th 1834

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day & date above written.

S/ George Hicks, JP

S/ John Mallugan, X his mark

State of Tennessee Hickman County: July Term of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions 1834

On this 14 day of July 1834 Personally appeared before the Justice of the Court aforesaid Samuel Latham a resident of the County aforesaid & State aforesaid aged seventy-five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the year 1775 under the

¹ [John Mallugan S4186](#)

following named officers & served as herein stated, that is to say --

I was born in the State of Virginia Northumberland County in the year 1759 where I lived until about the year 1766 -- when I moved to Guilford County North Carolina where I lived at the commencement of the Revolutionary War. I first volunteered in Captain Robert Bell's Company James Campbell Lieutenant in the year I think 1775 in the first of the winter at Guilford Court house -- from whence we marched under Captain Bell to Camden South Carolina where we joined some troops under the command of Colonel Francis Locke, Lieutenant Colonel John Paseley and General Matthew Locke of the North Carolina Militia. We encamped at Camden and remained there during my first tour which was 3 months at the end of which tour we all got discharges signed by Captain Bell. My discharge is lost. I then returned to Guilford County I think in the month of March or April 1776. My second tour of 3 months I also volunteered in Captain George Davis Company & George Purvis Lieutenant I volunteered at Guilford Court House near which place I then lived. I think in the spring of 1777 or 1778 which declarant does not distinctly remember -- We marched from Guilford Court House under Captain Davis on towards Augusta in order to join General Lincoln at headquarters -- which place I never reached owing to an accident that happened at to me at the Cherokee ponds near Baker's Bridge South Carolina. From the excessive heat of the weather & thirst of the soldiers many of them fainted amongst whom I was one & in this condition one of the wagons carrying the baggage ran over me -- Crossing my right hip and passing over my left shoulder. I remained here 23 days without being able to walk next morning after this accident happened I got a discharge from Captain Davis who marched on towards Augusta with the balance of the Company -- about half of my 3 months had expired before this accident happened & my discharge & I was then left 3 or 400 miles from home the discharge which I got from Captain Davis is lost also.

I have no record of my age but from the best information I have obtained from my parents believe I was born in May 1759 in the County of Northumberland & State of Virginia.

I was living in the County of Guilford & State of North Carolina when I volunteered in the service of my first & 2nd tours of 3 months each. Soon after peace I moved to South Carolina & married on Saluda where remaining 2 or 3 years I moved to East Tennessee where I remained 3 or 4 years I've then moved to Illinois where I stayed 5 or 6 years I then returned to West Tennessee and after living in various Counties in this State I finally settled in Hickman County where I now live and have been living for some time.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to in open Court July 14th 1834.

S/ Samuel Latham, X his mark

S/ S. Sebastian, Clerk

[fn pp. 11-13—letter dated October 3, 1834 to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions from James M. Howry explaining why the first declaration was not supported by the two witnesses required by the regulations and the reason for leaving the service in the 12-month service out of the last application.]