

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Laughlin R6184

Rachel Laughlin

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State of Missouri Osage County

On this 5th day of May 1846 Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace in Osage County Rachel Laughlin aged Seventy four 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 Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 Entitled "An Act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of James Laughlin who was a Private in the Army of the Revolution and Died in Caldwell County Kentucky in August 1816. That he never received a Pension. That she believes he was in the Militia most of the time -- [several words obscured by a fold in the paper] that she was married to the said James Laughlin on the 24th of February 1791 in Pendleton County South Carolina. That he was at several Battles, Briar Creek,¹ Hanging Rock,² Rocky Mount,³ Eutaw Springs⁴ and was drafted once she thinks & volunteered at other times was a Private most of the time but states he was a Lieutenant about 6 months his officers she believes were Capt. Adam Meek Col. John Moffett Genl. Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] for part of the time he was out at different times through most of the war and she does not remember all the officers names. He volunteered once at York South Carolina and served some in North Carolina & some in Georgia -- she was not acquainted with him until after the war do not know whether he ever had a discharge or not. Capt. A. Meek is one of the captains she remembers the name of and Col. J. Moffett & Genl. Sumter -- Col. McColl -- she believes the foregoing to be true of what she knows and of what she has been informed of she believes to be true -- That she never has received any Pension. That she is still the widow of said James Laughlin __ -- She further says that she is not able to [attend] court on the account of a bodily disease.

S/ Rachel Laughlin, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of May 1846

S/ John Harris, JP

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¹ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

Comptroller General's Office Columbia South Carolina November 2nd 1846

Book I, Indent 344: issued 18th of October 1784 to Mr James Laughlin for twenty-one pounds, eighteen shillings and sixpence three farthings sterling for 146 days Militia Duty per account audited Prinl. £21:18:6 ¾ D Int. £1:10:8D

Book I, Account 344: James Laughlin Ford duty done in Colonel Bratton's Regiment General Sumter's Brigade (viz.) 42 days in Captain McColoh's Company @ 20 s. per day, in Captain Moffet's Company 25 days @ 20 s per day also 20 days @ £2:5 s per day as Lieutenant -- also 24 days in Captain Venable's Company @ 20 s per day & 35 days under Lieutenant Wilson @ 10 s per day -- in all 146 days amounting to £21:18:6 ¾ D. Sterling.

I certify the above to be a true copy of the records in this office

For Comptroller General

S/ J. Aug. Black

[p 4: On November 28, 1846 in Sangamon County, Illinois, Mary Drennan, wife of William Drennan, Sr., gave testimony that she is 73 years of age in January next; that she formerly lived in Pendleton district South Carolina; that she lived about three miles from Mr. Dalrymple's, Rachel Laughlin's father, in Pendleton District South Carolina in the year 1790; that affiant and Rachel Dalrymple were "girls together"; that she distinctly remembers seeing James Laughlin and Rachel Dalrymple married in 1791; that she was very well acquainted with Samuel Dalrymple, Rachel's father; and that Rachel and James had 10 children [named below]; and that she Mary the affiant had 12 children [not named]. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[pp 43-45: Is an affidavit dated Nov. 28, 1846 given in Sangamon County, Illinois by William Drennan, 78 next April, given in support of the widow's application. Anyone interested in the Drennan family would find this affidavit interesting because of the affiant's details of his own life and marriage to Mary Thomas "with whom he still lives."

William Drennan]

[Facts in file: The veteran and his wife had ten children: Samuel, John M., Polly, Sally, James the fifth child born about 1805, William, Joseph, Nancy, Betsey and Robert. In 1846 a number of these children were living in Illinois near Springfield, which ones not stated. The widow's claim was not allowed because she failed to prove her husband served at least six months as required by the pension law.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to James Laughlin
Audited Account No. 4452

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⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[No. 344 Book I 18 October, 1784]

Mr. James Laughlin his Account of 146 Days Militia Duty Amounting to £21.18.6 ³/₄ Stg
[Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to James Laughlin
Personal Service done in Colonel Bratton's
& General Sumter's Brigade

42 Days Entered in Capt. McCulloh's⁶

Pay Bill at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina currency] per day £42.00.0

Capt. Moffet [John Moffett] 25 Days at 20/per day 25.00.0

out 20 Days at £2.5 per day 45.00.0

Capt. Venable [James venerable] 24 Days at 20/per day 24.00.0

under Lt. Wilson⁷ 35 Days at 10/per day 17.10.0

£143.10.0

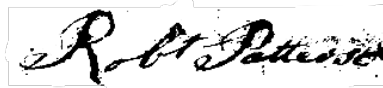
Sterling £21.18.6 ³/₄

The charges for Militia Duty are

[partial word, probably "included"] in Pay bills which are attested

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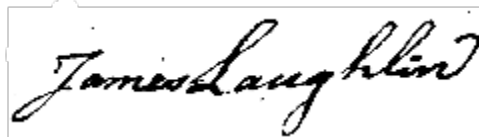
Received 18th October 1786 from the Commissioners of the Treasury Twenty One Pounds 18/6
³/₄ Sterling full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 344 Book I by virtue of an order
£21.18.6 ³/₄ S/ Robt. Patterson



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I do hereby Assign Over unto Robert Patterson my whole Right and Title of my Public Account
do from this State to the amount of One Hundred & Fifty pounds Ten Shillings in Currency and
Do allow him to Draw an Indent for the same from the public Treasurer of this State being full
Value Received as Witness my hand this 25th day of February 1785

S/ James Laughlin



⁶ I think this could either be Captain George McCulloch or Captain John McCool.

⁷ I think this is most likely Lieutenant Robert Wilson who served under Captain John McCool of the 2nd Spartan
Regiment and was at both Rocky Mount and Hanging Rock as well as older battles in South Carolina
https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot_military_sc_lieutenants.htm