

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Lawrence (Laurence) R6194 Lucretia fn10NC
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United States of America State of North Carolina County of Chowan

Be it known that on this 8th day of February 1853 personally appeared before me Drew Welch a Justice of the [peace] within and for the County aforesaid Joshua Lawrence, aged 60 years and Salley over one aged 58 years, residents of Chowan County in the State of North Carolina, who being duly sworn according to law by me duly authorized to administer oaths, declare, that they are the only children now living of Joseph Lawrence and Lucretia his wife, both deceased. They further declare, that they had often heard the said Joseph Lawrence say, that he was a regular soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he first enlisted in Bertie County in the State of North Carolina, for the term of five years and being from that service honorably discharged, his time having expired, he returned home he remained a very short time before he again enlisted to serve the balance of the said war, and that they had often heard him, their said Father, relate his sufferings whilst he was in said war, and had frequently seen his wounds which he stated to have received in the Battle at Brandywine -- And served other Battles he mentioned, that he was in which they do not now remember. They further declare that they had often heard their mother say, that she was married to the said Joseph Lawrence, before the Revolutionary War. They further declare, that the said Joseph Lawrence, died in the County of Bertie, in the State of North Carolina on the 12th day of November 1820, and his widow their said Mother, Lucretia Lawrence, died in the County of Perquimans in the State aforesaid on the 20th day of September 1840.

They make this declaration, for the purpose of obtaining from the United States the pension which may be due them up to the time of the death of their said mother the said Lucretia Lawrence, which she never received nor to their knowledge applied for in her lifetime, though doubtless entitled to in right of her husband, the said Joseph Lawrence, services as above stated, under the various acts of Congress, which provided for widows & their children of officers & soldiers of the Revolutionary War, countermanding & revoking all powers of attorney and other authority heretofore given by us, we constitute and appoint William Sumner, Suffolk Virginia & John S. Gallagher Junior Washington City DC our true and lawful attorney to prosecute our claim which was due our mother, the said Lucretia Lawrence, in right of her said husband's services as above stated, and we hereby authorize our said attorney to prosecute our said claim for any amount of Pension that may have been due to the time of the said Lucretia Lawrence's death, and to examine all papers or documents in relation to the said claim, on file in the Department at Washington City or elsewhere to file additional evidence or arguments and to receive for our exclusive benefit all monies which may be awarded to us, and with power to

appoint one or more substitutes under him for the purposes within expressed and do all other things that we might or could do if personally present. Hereby ratifying and confirming all my said attorney and the agent shall lawfully do in their presents.

Attest

S/ Drew Welch

S/ John G. Small

S/ Joshua Lawrence, X his mark

S/ Sally Overman, X her mark

State of North Carolina County of Chowan

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held in and for the County of Chowan on the 8th day of February 1853 -- The Court doth order to be certified that George White a resident of said County, a man of credibility being in open court duly sworn according to law saith, that his age is ninety-four years, that in the war of the Revolution he lived in the County of Bertie, in the State of North Carolina, that he remembers perfectly well Joseph Lawrence and that he enlisted as a private soldier in the North Carolina State line, Revolutionary Service at Windsor the County seat of Bertie County in the State of North Carolina, in the first of the Revolution, and the deponent was present at the time the said Joseph Lawrence enlisted though cannot now remember the name of his officer. He enlisted for the time of five years, and that he was also present at the time the said Lawrence was marched away to form the regular Army, and that he well knows that the said Lawrence did not return home finally until the end of the war, or until the surrender of Cornwallis at Little York. The deponent further states, that he saw the said Lawrence soon after he returned home from said war and has often heard him speak of his suffering whilst in the Army, that he had frequently seen him the said Lawrence exhibit his wounds which he stated to have received whilst in battle and he thinks he said the battle at Brandywine. The deponent further states that he the said Lawrence was wounded on the top of his head the ball having passed through the crown of his hat, he was also wounded in his left arm and his left brest [sic] was torn off. The deponent further states that though he was not an eyewitness to the services in the Army yet no doubt had he of the truth of the statement made by the said Lawrence. He states further that the said Lawrence died in indigent circumstances being at the time on the Parish in the County of Bertie in the State of North Carolina on the __ day of __ 1820, leaving a widow whose name was Lucretia who remained his widow to the time of her death, and who died on the __ day of __ 1840 in the County of Perquimans, in North Carolina leaving only 2 children now living Joshua Lawrence and Sally Overman of the County of Chowan, North Carolina. The deponent states that the said Joseph Lawrence and Lucretia his wife were married previous to the said war and they lived together as husband and wife and were so reputed generally to the time of the said husband's death. He further states that he knows of no public or private record of their marriage, and that he is in no way interested in any application the said Legatees may make for anything whatsoever.

S/ George White, X his mark

[fn p. 9: on August 22, 1853 in Hertford County, NC, Solomon White, 86, gave an affidavit containing much of the same information as stated by George White, adding that he, Solomon, lived within 1 mile of Joseph Lawrence during the Revolution.]