

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of David Lawson R6200 Elizabeth fn18NC
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State of Tennessee, Campbell County

On this 28th day of October 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County Mr. David Lawson a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty five years and after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of congress paper June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service in the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution at Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina in the year 1780 under Captain Johnson and was in the battle of Cowpens in this campaign he served six months. After the battle at the Cowpens he volunteered and went to the head waters of the River Holston to defend the western frontier and was under Captain Campbell for six months. After his discharge from Capt. Campbell he was retained as an Indian spy under the command of Col. Dickison [sic] and Captain Lewis. He was upwards of eight months in this service and encountered a great many hardships. He further sustains that that owing to the lapse of time and the loss of memory he has forgotten a great many of the particulars of his Campaigns and nothing but the worst of fortune has caused him to ask of his Government that which he knows to be justly due him. He relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Allen McDonald
Justice of the Peace

S/ David Lawson, X his mark

State of Tennessee Campbell County

On this 30th of October 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County and State aforesaid Mr. Richard Crabtree¹ and after being sworn according to law doth make the following declaration that he is well acquainted with David Lawson that he knew him to be a soldier in North Carolina militia in the war of the Revolution that he saw him the said David Lawson in service at Divers times and to the best of his belief he served as he states in his declaration and now present and is the same man and has no doubt that the facts stated in his declaration are true, affiant further states that he knew said David Lawson to serve as an Indian spy upwards of 8 months on the head of the River Holston and that he the said David Lawson was called a has

¹ This is PROBABLY the same man as [Richard Crabtree W8642](#).

[indecipherable word -- too faint to discern] as any man on the Western frontiers. Affiant is at time drawing a pension of \$84.16 for serving in the war of the Revolution. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year before written.

S/ Richard Crabtree, X his mark

State of Tennessee Campbell County

On this 4th day of [illegible] 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County and State aforesaid Mr. Joseph McPeters² and after being sworn according to law doth make the following declaration that he is well acquainted with David Lawson -- that he knew him to be a soldier in the North Carolina militia in the war of the Revolution that he saw him the said David Lawson in service at the Battle of the Cowpens in the said State of North Carolina and at Divers other times and to the best of his belief he served as he states in his declaration and is now present and is the same man and has no doubt that the facts stated in his declaration are true affiant is at this time drawing a pension of \$83 [? the figure is very faint] for services rendered in the War of the Revolution. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year before written.

S/ Joseph McPeters, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Campbell County: On this 28th day of February 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Mr. David Lawson a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-six years and after being 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 in the State of North Carolina in the war of the Revolution in Guilford County in the year 1780 and served six months without any intermission under Captain Johnson and was in the battle at the Cowpens in the latter part of 1780. He then volunteered and went to the head waters of the Holston [River] and was under the command of Captain Campbell for six months after his service declarant was detained under no company as an Indian spy under Captain Lewis Captain Scott and Colonel Dickison in this service declarant served 8 months [indecipherable word] different times in the year 1781 [indecipherable word] will more fully appear by the testimony of his comrades owing to the lapse of time declarant may of forgotten a great many of the particulars of the times but in the aggregate he is positive.

He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency or any State.

S/ David Lawson, X his mark

[Cuthbert Webb, a minister of the gospel, Isaac Reed, John Phillips and John Potter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Campbell County: On this 28th day of February 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace Mr. Robert Ellis³ a resident of the

² [Joseph McPeters W1303](#)

³ [Robert Ellis S26084](#)

County and State aforesaid aged ninety years and after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit --

That he affiant is well acquainted with David Lawson at this time a resident of the County of Campbell and State of Tennessee. Affiant further declares that he knew the aforesaid David Lawson to be a soldier in the service of the North Carolina Militia in the war of the Revolution in a company commanded by Captain Johnson as to the length of the campaign affiant cannot say but is positive in seeing the aforesaid David Lawson in service and at the battle of the Cowpens and that he is the same individual as above stated. Affiant further declares that he urged the aforesaid David Lawson to apply for a Pension but he refused by stating he had many to live on within a [one or more indecipherable words] time he has had a reverse of fortune. Affiant further declares that he has lived in the neighborhood as a neighbor of the aforesaid David Lawson for forty years and he further declares that he affiant is drawing a pension for services rendered at the same time David Lawson was in service.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me a justice of the peace for said County and I further certify that I am well acquainted with Robert Ellis and full faith and credit is given to his statements in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

[signature too faint to discern]

[On or about September 22, 1852, Elizabeth Lawson, 79, widow of David, filed for a widow's pension alleging that David died March 1, 1852; that they were married on October 18, 1794.]