

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Lorton (Lawton) R6454

Tabitha Lorton

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State of Illinois St. Clair County: SS

Personally appeared before me John Reynolds Esquire one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, Robert Lawson aged sixty-one years to me personally known to be a man of truth & veracity and being by me duly sworn deposed and saith, that in the year 1776 he enlisted in the Army of the United States upon the Continental establishment in Captain John Morton's Company of Colonel Adam Stevens Regiment in the brigade commanded by General Charles Scott of Virginia troops – that he continued to serve in the said Regiment in the Service aforesaid from the month of February 1776 to the month of February 1778 when he was discharged at Richmond in the State of Virginia; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], at the taking of the Hessians at Trenton [December 26, 1776] and several skirmishes; that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the Support of his Country – And he further says that he was regularly discharged by General Scott, and obtained a written discharge which he left at Richmond at the time of his leaving the Army, and was then filed in the auditor's [office] of the said State of Virginia – and further saith not –

S/ Robert Lorton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Lorton". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline for the name.

[Attested July 5, 1819]

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State of Illinois Bond County

On this Second day of July in the year of our Lord 1822 personally appeared in the Circuit Court of said County being a Court of Record for the said State Robert Lorton Senior aged seventy-six years resident in Bond County in said State who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted in the year 1776 in Captain John Moretons [sic] Company of riflemen in Colonel Stevens' Regiment of Virginia troops, afterwards said Regiment was commanded by Charles Scott Brigadier General. That he continued in the service in said Regiment for the term of two years, and was discharged at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. That his original declaration was made in the month of June 1819, and that he received a pension Certificate dated October 12th 1819 and

believed to be numbered 15258 – That he was in the battles of Trenton, Brandywine and Germantown and several other skirmishes –

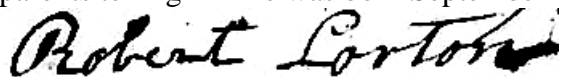
And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged 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 in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule		
Two cows and one calf	value	\$20.00
One heifer	do	19.00
One yearling	do	4.00
Two sows and four pigs	do	10.00
Four hogs going on two years old		18.00
Three ditto 15 months	do	8.00
1 Shot Gun	do	4.00
Common furniture & Kitchen Utensils		<u>5.00</u>
		\$79.00

That he is not able to work by reason of infirmities and more particularly the rheumatism, with which he is very much afflicted and sometimes incapable of addressing himself – That this deponent has a Wife aged about sixty-one years, who has lost the use of her left side, arm, leg and thigh, and is incapable of doing anything – That he has in his family two daughters, one aged about sixteen years and the other twelve who can only attend to the common domestic duties, as the oldest is of a weakly Constitution and is frequently on well.

S/ Robt. Lorton

[p 16: On January 6, 1844 in Green County Illinois, Robert Lorton, 61, made application under the 1836 act for the pension due his mother as the widow of Robert Lorton; he states that he is the son of Robert and Tabitha Lorton; that his father served 2 years as a Sergeant in the 4th Virginia Regiment before he was married; that after his father married he served in the Virginia militia for 6 or more months under the command of Captain Holcum [Holcomb?]; That his mother's maiden name was Tabitha Ganaway; that his parents were married in Buckingham County Virginia on August 15th, 1778 by a minister name McCray; that his father died May 16, 1833 in Green County Illinois; that his mother remained a widow until her death August 15, 1838 at which time she departed this life leaving ten children who are yet living as far as known, to wit: John Lorton, Robert Lorton, Thomas Lorton, William Lorton, Joseph Lorton, Mordecai D Lorton, Henry Lorton – Polly Nance, Sally Chipman and Susannah Panky [?]; That his parents 5th child Joseph was born April 25, 1788; that he, affiant, has no record of his birth but recalls his parents telling him he was born September 11, 1782; that he was his parents 2nd son.



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[p 17: Joseph Lorton gave an affidavit corroborative of the statements made by his brother Robert in the above application; that the original family record was destroyed by fire many years

ago; that the Bible from which the remnant of the family record is taken was purchased by his father after his family was grown hence it appears that his father's daughter Mary is registered by the name of Nance and his daughter Sarah is registered by the name of Chipman; and that according to the record made by his father he, the affiant, was born April 25, 1788

Joseph Lorton
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[p- 3-4 and p 6: family register:

Thomas Lorton born December 1, 1784

Francis Lorton was born April 4 1784

Martha Lorton born May 27 1812

John Lorton D No. 14 1813

Elizabeth Lorton D 12 1815

Robert Lorton was born A.D. February the 15th 1747

Taitha [sic] Lorton his wife was born 14 May 1763

Robert Lorton and Tabitha Gannaway were married the 15th of August 1779

John Lorton their son was born October 1780

Robert Lorton born 11 September 1782

Thomas Lorton born 9th December 1784

William Morton April 1786

Joseph Morton was born April the 25th 1788

Novy Nance [??] Was born December the 9th 1790

Henry Lorton was born August the 4th 1795 [last digit written over and unclear]

Sary Chipmom [?Chipman ?] was born the 11th of December A.D. 1799

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 5th, 1819, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]