

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Lyles R6543

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Logan County } Ss

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1835 personally appeared before the Hon the Judges of the Logan Circuit Court now in session Richard Lyles a Resident of the County of Logan & State of Kentucky aged seventy seven years on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he volunteered in the army of the United States in the early part of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one under the following named officers and served in the manner & capacity as heren after mentioned – that is to say – as the Regiment of Gen. Anthony Wayne was moving from the City of Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] Maryland thro the County of Prince Georges of s’d State & in which County, this declament then resided, he volenteered his services, united himself with s’d regiment and accompanued it to the town of Williamsburg in the state of virginia. Here this declarent remained from the time afors’d until the capturing of Cornwallis at Yorktown on the 19<sup>th</sup> October in said year acting in the character & Capacity of Surgeons Mate in the Hospital at that place. Doct. [Malachi] Treat was Surgeon of the Hospital Doct Benjamin Boyd [pension application S6690] was associate mate of this declarent. There were two Hospitals in Williamsburg – the one for the sick – the other for the wounded. Doct Treat was Surgion of the first. Doct [James] Tilton of the second. Tilton was without any associate or mate & this declarent, tho belonging more particularly to the Hospital of the sick, likewise discharged the duties of mate in the Hospital of the wounded. Tho the latter Hospital was not established till after the commencement of the Siege of York [28 Sep 1781] The wounded from that place being brought to the Hospital at Williamsburg. The duties of his station were therefore responsible & arduous. It is manifest from the above dates that he continued in this service about nine months. Previous however to the foregoing services of ye declarent as surgion in the Hospitals at Williamsburg he volenteered as a private in the company of Capt. Marine or Mark Marine Duvall [possibly Mark Marine Duval] from the County of Prince George Capt Duvall joined the Regiment of Gen [William] Smallwood in s’d County We intended in our march from Prince Georges to have joined Gen. Wayne at Peola [sic: Paoli PA] but one of our baggage waggons broke down which detained us in repairing it so that we did not reach him till after Wayne had left Peola at which place he was attacked by the British at night while Waynes troops were asleep [21 Sep 1777] The enemy it is said were conducted into the encampment by Certain Tories, who had ascertained the precise position of his pickets &c we joined him the morning after this attack at a place called the Red Lion & should have joined him the night before but for the accident afres’d. Shortly after this y’r declarent was taken sick & was out on furlough when his term of service expired This tour was a two months one and embraced that period in the fall & Winter of 1780 [sic] as well as this declarent recollects. This latter tour of two months in which this declarent acted as a private added to the nine months service in the Hospital as Surgeons mate makes up the whole period of Revolutionary service for which he claimes a pension. In answer to the questions directed to be propounded to him he answers 1<sup>st</sup> He was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1757 Prince Georges County Maryland (2<sup>nd</sup>) he has no record of his age in his possession (3) He lived in the County of Prince Georges Maryland in which he was born as afors’d when called into the service. From Prince Georges he removed to Montgomery County Maryland where he lived till about 18 months past, when he removed to Logan County Kentucky, his present residence (4) He volunteered into the service not as a substitute (5) as he was principally confined to the Hospital department he did not become much acquainted with the Regular officers & Continental & Malitia Regiments. He can not now call to his recollection any others than Capt Devall and Gens Smallwood & Wayne (6) He obtained a Certificate of his services in the Hospital from Surgeon Treat who only paid him \$24 of his pay. While the Congress sat in Philadelphia he placed his certificate in the hands of a Mr.

Boyd who put it in the hands of a Mr Tarlton & who promised to procure him his pay from Congress  
Tarlton died before this was done and the Certificate became lost so that this declarant has never rece'd a  
cent for his services as Surgeons mate except the \$24 as afor'd and for which s'd services he now asks pay  
He never rec'd any other discharge nor pay for his two months Militia service than his furlogh afors'd (7)  
He states that he is known in his present neighbourhood to Wm. E Warren Wm J Morton Marmaduke  
Morton Tho M Smith &c who can testify as to his character for viracity and their belief of his services as  
a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except  
the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state. He would  
add that having recently removed to his present place of residence which is very distant from his former  
one he is unable to procure the testimony of any living witness, who has personal knowledge of his  
services, or the certificate of any Clergyman to establish his reputation of them.

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NOTE: Richard Lyles's claim was rejected because it was believed that his service as a surgeon's mate  
was as a civilian rather than as a soldier, and Lyles apparently made no further effort to prove his claim.  
On 29 April 1854 Archibald M. Lyles, only heir of Richard Lyles, deceased of McCracken County KY,  
assigned power of attorney to pursue the claim, but was also unsuccessful.