

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lyon R6554

Frances Lyon

f16VA

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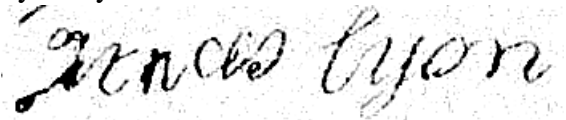
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[Note: the images of this application as posted on both Fold3.com. and HeritageQuest.com a very poor. Consequently, I urge you to use the following with more care than you might otherwise apply.]

State of Virginia County of Nelson to wit

On this 9th day of October 1837 personally appeared before me John Diggs a Justice of the peace for the said County and state, Frances Lyon (widow of William Lyon Deceased to whom the said Frances was married in the year of 1768 and who departed this life the 30th day of March 1811 in the said County and State;) she being still a resident of said County and state and now in her 89th year and she said Frances being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed at the first session of the twenty fourth Congress of the United States extending to widows in certain cases such pensions as their husbands would be entitled to under the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That her said husband was four different times during the war of the revolution called into actual service and did serve three towers [tours] [words interlined at this point but are illegible] and was discharged from the fourth after being from home a short time; (which said discharge is hereto annexed) in consequence of incapacity. She is unable to say what was the length of his tours but being governed by the evidence of John Pugh who served with her said husband one tour and being informed by others that the shortest tours were not less than three months she is persuaded that his service in the whole was not less than six or seven months – notwithstanding he was discharged to the best of her recollection one other time before his tour expired on account of sickness but as her recollection is imperfect about the length of her husband's service she will be satisfied to get an allowance for six months. She believes he was a militia man but has forgot his officers and she knows of no one now living by whom she can prove any part of her husband's service except John Pugh. She says they lived in the County of Amherst State of Virginia when her husband was called into service but she lives in Nelson at this time. She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that her husband's nor her name is not on the pension list of the Agency of any State or territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



W^m Lion a Soldier of Colonel Gains' [perhaps Col. Daniel Gaines'] Regiment having and Impediment in one of his legs is hereby Discharged and tis hoped that Offers [? Officers] will attempt to send the sd. Lion in the fuld [?] My Men.

Given under my Hand at Goochland Courthouse this 21 day of September 1781

S/ Jno. Woodroof Capt.

A handwritten document on aged, stained paper. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription above. It is signed 'Jno Woodroof Capt' at the bottom right.

[Alexander Fitzpatrick and John Pugh gave a supporting affidavit]

Amherst/This day Thomas Evers made oath before me, that he has two Different times been in Company with William Lyon which Patient [paper damaged, word compromised and illegible] times he see, the said Lyon's knee Easily Put [paper damaged, word compromised and illegible] of Joint, or at least Complained & applied and [paper damaged, word compromised and illegible] him to Put it in Place, Certified by me this 13th day of September 1781

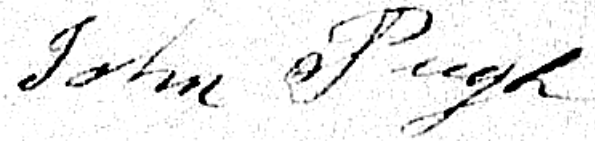
S/ John Digges

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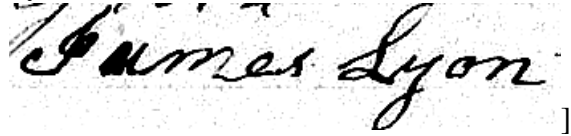
State of Virginia and County of Nelson – to wit

On this 9th day of October 1837 personally appeared before John Diggs a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Nelson John Pugh a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that he knows William Lyon who was the husband of Frances Lyon who is now a resident of this County served a tour of duty of three months with him the said Pugh in the war of the revolution. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Pugh

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Pugh". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 3: Power of attorney dated February 10, 1854 executed in Nelson County Virginia by James Lyon in powering his attorney to pursue the claims of William and Frances Lyon for a pension based on the revolutionary war services of William Lyon. The relationship, if any, of James Lyon to the veteran and his widow is not stated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Lyon". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right. A small bracket-like mark is visible at the end of the signature.