

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Laurance Purcill R8524

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State of Indiana Harrison County: Sct.

On this 18th day of February 1822 personally appeared in open Court (being a court of record on the 2nd Indiana circuit of the State aforesaid) Laurance Purcill [Lawrence Purcell?]; a resident citizen of said Circuit; aged sixty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Laurance Purcill enlisted for the term of three years sometime in the month of February 1777 in Loudon County [Loudoun County] in the State of Virginia in Captain Windsor Brown's Company of the first Regiment of the Virginia line commanded at that time by Colonel Gibson: that he continued to serve in said Corps about six months and was then transferred to Captain Armstead's Company of Grenadiers of the Regiment aforesaid that he continued to serve in said Corps for the term of three years from the date of his enlistment when he was discharged from the service in the City of Alexandria in the State of Virginia that he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and served under Major Lee at the taking of Poulers Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] and after serving out the term of 3 years being the time for which he had enlisted he was honorably discharged; that he left his discharge with his Brother in the State of Virginia and that he went to Kentucky and was engaged about 3 years against the Indians: that his Brother is since dead and cannot obtained his discharge that he is by age and infirmity unable to support himself by labor (and his property is not sufficient to support him and his wife and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services except what is contained in the above declaration.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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; (to wit) eighty acres of land one horse two cows and calves and ten hogs that I am by occupation a Farmer but unable to follow my profession from age and inability.

S/ Laurance Purcill, X his mark

[The court valued the veterans property at \$193; the land having a value of \$160; the horse \$8; the 2 cows and calves \$20 and the hogs \$5.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: the following MAY relate to this same veteran:

I do Certify that Larance Pursely Soldier in the first State Regiment served 3 years (the term for which he enlisted) as a good and faithful Soldier and is hereby Discharged from the service.

Given at Alexandria January 31st 1780

S/ J. Allison, Lt. Col. Comdt [John Allison, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant]

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