

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lawson S10969

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State of Virginia Scott County

On the 12th day of December 1832 personally appeared in County Court of Scott County and State aforesaid in open Court now sitting, William Lawson a resident of Scott County aged 68 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say he entered the service in the fall of the year 1779 as he recollects then being in his sixteenth year, this applicant then resided in Franklin County North Carolina, he commenced his march from home to the edge of South Carolina, Catawby [sic Catawba] River in the fall aforesaid passed through Hillsboro and Salisbury and marched to the utmost borders of North Carolina and took up winter quarters & remained there for some time, when this Applicant was taken off with a few other man to the Catawba and put under General Davie of the South Carolina troops where they remained for some time, and were sent back again to the Main Army in North Carolina and remained there till this applicant's term of 3 months was out.

This applicant commenced his march from home under Captain Levary [?] but does not recollect the name of Lieutenant or Ensign, the company rendezvoused at the Court House of Franklin County of aforesaid, and began their march towards Hillsboro, and [word obliterated] the Main Army before they arrived there, when they were attached to the Main Army under General Jones and Colonel Sewell, from there marched through Hillsboro and Salisbury to their place of winter quarters as above stated, this Applicant does not recollect the precise day when he entered the service, nor when he left it, except that he entered it in the fall of 1779, and left it in the spring of 1780. This Applicant was in no battle at all, nor was the as he recollects under any other officers except those as he has before stated, he served this tour as a substitute for one Henry Yarberry [sic, Henry Yarborough?]. The applicant got a discharge signed by Colonel Sewell and Captain Levary [?] but this applicant left it in North Carolina he being very young when he left the Army and went from there to his uncle's on the waters of Adkin [sic, Yadkin River] and put the discharge in the hands of some of his friends and never got it anymore nor did he again to apply for it. He remained there at his uncle's until the spring of 1781, when this applicant again substituted for another tour of three months in the room of Jesse Harris this applicant with the balance of the Company commenced their march from there Montgomery County North Carolina as he thinks and marched under an Ensign whose name this applicant has forgotten to General Greene's Army near the Pedee [River] in Carolina. Greene's Army after the

battle of Guilford had commenced their march for Camden and the company in which this applicant was met there near the Pedee as above stated they then crossed the Pedee under General Greene and Colonel Dudley¹ marched to Camden, and found the British in possession of it, they marched up in sight of it and seeing them in possession of it, they all remained there till the second night when this applicant and a good part of the militia were taken off to a mill to guard the provision wagons they remained there about two days and then returned back with the wagons towards the Main Army, but before they got to it, the Main Army commenced the battle of Camden.² The British came out and made the attack, that his Company marched to about three quarters of a mile from the Army, when they saw men running from the Battle and making their escape and many of them bleeding, when all the guards left the wagon excepting this Applicant and one more. But in a short time Greene's Army rallied on them again and defeated them. Then our Army removed about twelve miles from Camden across the Catawba River and as they were informed the second morning about daybreak the British sent eighty men after them, and the British attacked the picket guard who beat them back again, at which time Colonel Dudley who thought it was a general attack rallied them up and made towards the ferry, and when they got to the top of the rise, they saw all the regulars of Greene's Army in an order of battle, when General Greens saw Dudley and called to him to take his men back, when he returned again the British being horsemen retreated and then Greene with the whole Army started after them to Camden but the militia were discharged, their time being out on the way before they got back to Camden, this applicant got another discharge which he also left in Franklin County North Carolina with the same friend as he recollects that had the first discharge. The applicant cannot say certainly on what day he entered the Army nor what day he left it on this tour, except that he thinks he went into it in the spring of 1781 and left it in the fall of the same year, this Applicant does not recollect any Continental Officers, except as above stated; nor did he served under any other officer except those mentioned this applicant has no written proof of the above Statement and he knows of no person by whom he can prove them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State whatsoever, nor has it ever been.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Lawson

[John Pendleton, a clergyman, and James Bevins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March for, 1831 46 months service in North Carolina.]

¹ [Guilford Dudley W8681](#)

² Veteran is describing the Battle of Hobkirk Hill (or the second Battle of Camden) which occurred on April 25, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hobkirk.htm>