

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jacob Lauman S13686

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Montgomery County     }

On this tenth day of May eighteen hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open Court before Montgomery County Court Jacob Lauman a Resident of Montgomery County in the State of Maryland aged about seventy nine years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in Lancaster Town in the year seventeen hundred and fifty five, that he has no record of his age. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the summer or fall of the year of the seventeen hundred and seventy six in the company commanded by Captain Frederick Hubley, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hubley, a brother of the Captain, under the command of General [Anthony] Wayne, that he enlisted to serve during the War, that he resided at the time of his enlistment in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, that he was engaged in the Battle of Princeton, some time in the winter of the year he enlisted, he thinks it was a day or so after Christmas [3 Jan 1777], that he was afterwards in the fall of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven in the engagement at Brandywine [11 Sep]. After that battle he was stationed at a place called Paoli where the American Troops were surprised and a great number killed [21 Sep 1777], that during the same fall he was at the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] - he was then marched to the South where he was at the Battle of Camden [see note below]. he remained with the Army in the South until the surrender of Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781] in which battle he was —

That from York Town he was marched to Charlestown in South Carolina, where he took shipping with the troops to Philadelphia where he was discharged. that he received his pay and discharge at Philadelphia, that he does not recollect by whom his discharge was signed, that he kept his discharge for a number of years until it was worn out and defaced. He also received a warrant for some land which he sold to a Gentleman in Philadelphia, that he has no written or documentary evidence to support his claim for a Pension, that he does not know any person now living by whom he can prove his service, that there is no clergyman living in his neighborhood with whom he is acquainted. That he was acquainted with Captain Ross of the Army, that he was also acquainted with Gen'l Lingan of the Maryland line that he knew also other officers but whose names he does not recollect at this time.

That Joseph Neel and William Bennett are acquainted with me and have been for many years and can testify to my character for veracity, and that it is believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, that after the war he resided and worked at his trade in different parts of Pennsylvania, and some other States until within the last thirty years since which time he has resided in Montgomery County in the State of Maryland, that he enlisted as a Private to serve during the war and he continued in the service until he was discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

Jacob hisXmark Lauman

State of Maryland        } SS  
Montgomery County     }

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1844 personally appeared before the undersigned William L. Hurley a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Montgomery in the State of Maryland aforesaid, Jacob Lauman a resident of said county and State, aged ninety years in March last, as nearly as he can ascertain is age (and which he believes correct) who, by reason of advanced age and bodily infirmity is unable to attend personally in court, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the

provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in Lancaster Pennsylvania where he learnt the Tanner & courier's [probably currier's] trade with Old Mr. George Musser of that place.

That soon after he was out of his apprenticeship, and in the summer of 1776 (as he believes) he enlisted at Lancaster into the American Army for during the war. He enlisted into, or served in Captain Hubleys company in Col. Hubleys regiment (as he believes) in the Pennsylvania line or troops, and, after the first season of his service, the troops in which he served, were under General Wayne, and continued under his command as General until after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

That he was at and engaged in the Battles of Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Brandywine, Paoli, White-horse [Battle of the Clouds near White Horse Tavern, Chester County PA, 16 Sep 1777], Germantown, and Yorktown, Virginia, being in many other skirmishes.

Shortly after the surrender at Yorktown in 1781, out troops were ordered on to the south, and marched on through Salisbery [sic: Salisbury NC], Flat-Rock [in present Kershaw County SC] and Camden to Charleston, or near to Charleston, we were soon afterwards put on board of small vessels and sent by water to Philadelphia where we were afterwards discharged. That his Brother Philip Lauman enlisted a few days before him at Lancaster and served in the same company and was discharged with him at Philadelphia as above stated.

At the Battle of Germantown they had marched all the preceeding night about 16 miles or more & over Chesnut [sic: Chestnut] Hill, and began the battle early in the morning, and we thought for a time, we had gained the day, but some of the British troops got into Ben Jew's [sic: the Loyalist Benjamin Chew's] large stone house, and a reenforcement coming up from below we had to retreat. the troops I was with retreated through a Buckwheat field and went off several miles before resting. We afterwards went to winter Quarters at Valley Forge.

Owing to my age and want of recollection, at times, the names of many of the officers once well known to me, are not now remembered. (I believe Capt. Hubleys name was Joseph)

I rec'd a written discharge at Philadelphia, but it got lost or destroyed many years ago.

He had some pension papers made out several years ago and was qualified before Judge Killgore, the papers afterwards went into the hands of Mr. Collins and he has been wholly unable to find them since.

He is informed and believes there is not any Judge of the Montgomery county court residing in this county, and not being able to go any distance from his neighbourhood without assistance, is the cause of making this declaration before the above named magistrate. He has never received any Pension, nor placed on any Pension Roll, to his knowledge and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present.

[signed] Jacob Lauman

State of Maryland        } SS.  
Montgomery County    }

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day January 1847 before William L. Hurley and Abraham I. Hays two Justices of the Peace in & for the said County of Montgomery personally appeared Jacob Lauman a resident of the County of Montgomery aforesaid aged ninety years and upwards, who by reason of old age and bodily infirmity is unable personally to attend Court, who being first 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated. viz.

In the summer of 1776 (being then just out of his time (apprenticeship) at Lancaster Pennsylvania, he volunteered for during the war, and continued in the service until duly Discharged after the surrender at Yorktown.

He entered the service as a private in a company of Infantry commanded by Capt. Hubley in Col. Adam Hubleys Regiment and after the first season was under Old Genl. Wayne for the remainder of the service.

He was in the Battles of Trenton, Brandywine, Paoli, White Horse, Germantown and Yorktown.

Was first Ordered from Lancaster to Philadelphia, there joined other troops and marched

up North to stop the British from coming to Philadelphia, Took the Hessians at Trenton and returned again to Philadelphia.

Next season marched into the State of Delaware, then retreated back across the Brandywine where we had a Bloody Battle. this was in the fall of 1777. We were then under Old Genl. Wayne.

We then wandered about for upwards of a week and being all worn out, Encamped at Paoli. Here the British fell upon us in the night & murdered nearly a hundred of our men, and came nigh taking us all prisoners. [See note below.]

At the White horse (about 22 miles from Philadelphia) had a smart skirmish, when a heavy gust coming up, prevented a heavy battle. Afterwards crossed over the Schuylkill and encamped about 16 or 20 miles from Germantown, then marched all one night and began the Germantown Battle early in the morning, though one time we had gained the day but some of the British got into Ben Jews large Stone house, and we were obliged to retreat. we went off through a Buckwheat field, afterwards collected our scattered forces and encamped at a place called Whitemarsh, remained there till after cold weather came on, then went off to winter Quarters at the Valley Forge. Here we suffered every thing.

The following season crossed over into the Jerseys and continued on duty there two years in succession. Was stationed about 15 or 20 miles off, when Old Genl. Wayne took Stony Point [in Rockland County NY, 15 Jul 1779] was at winter Quarters two winters at Morristown, a portion of the Barracks there was called the Pennsylvania Hotel.

In the Spring of 1781 was ordered on to the South. marched on through York, Hanover, Millerstown [possibly Millers MD] and Woodborough [Woodsboro MD] to Frederick Md. Then through Buckeystown [Burkittsville?] and across the Potomac at Nolans [Nolands] Ferry to Leesburgh [Leesburg VA], and so on through other places not known until we joined LaFayette in Virginia.

In the fall marched to the siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], & were engaged in digging & fighting several weeks before Cornwallis surrendered.

In a few weeks afterwards my division of Troops were ordered on further to the South, marched on through Salisbery, flat Rock & Camlin to near Charleston. We were afterwards put on board of small vessels & sent by water to Philadelphia where we were discharged. Had a written discharge but it got lost many many years since, Dont recollect who signed it. Has no recollection of seeing Col. Hubley at the South, saw Colo. [Wade] Hampton, Hammer (or Harmer) & Mintghes [Col. Francis Mentges] & Mullenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], was sometimes under Col. Harmer & Hampton. at the South, Also saw Col. Chambers, Col. Butler & Stuart at the Camp at Whitemarsh and at Morristown, and knows that they were in the service as officers at both of those places.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension or Annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State to the best of his knowledge and belief although he ought to become[?]

He got some papers made out twenty years since with the assistance of my cousin, and was examined and qualified in open court before Judge Killgore (since deceased), the papers afterwards went into the hands of Mr. Carl Johnson, as he understood, and although he has taken much trouble he has never been able to obtain or find them since. He obtained the affidavit & evidence of Stoeffle (Christopher) Miner (now deceased) who was a teamster in the service and knew & testified as to this deponents services, which evidence he is now deprived of by the loss of the above mentioned papers.

Deponent was born in Lancaster Pennsylvania where he went[?] his time at the Tanners trade with old Mr. George Musser, and that he resided in Lancaster when he entered the service, but that he has now resided in Maryland for upwards of fifty years past. He was born in the year 1755 so he believes but has no record of his age.

He further declares (as he is informed & believes) there is no Judge of the Montgomery County Court sitting residing within this County, and that he is not able by reason of Bodily infirmity to attend Court and unable to obtain the attendance of any Judge to attend at his residence, which is the cause of his making this declaration before the above named Justices of

the Peace

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State to the best of his knowledge & belief. [signed] Jacob Lauman

NOTES:

Contrary to Lauman's 1834 deposition, it is unlikely that he was present either at the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 or the battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden on 25 Apr 1781. Troops under Gen. Anthony Wayne did not serve in South Carolina until after the surrender of Cornwallis, consistent with Lauman's later depositions.

Other accounts of the surprise attack at Paoli PA say that 53 Americans were killed outright, 100 wounded, and 71 captured.

On 23 Mar 1855 Lauman applied successfully for bounty land stating that he was in the 6<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment.

The file includes a letter written on behalf of Jacob "Larman" stating that "he lives in an old log cabin bearly shelterd from the weather." On 10 Aug 1844 George Leonard deposed that he had served with Jacob Lauman, that he was the son of Martin Lauman of Lancaster, and that Lauman had a sister still living in Lancaster who was the widow of Philip Schaum.