

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Landrum S1546

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State of Tennessee Knox County: On this 3rd day of July 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before us James Anderson, Robert Tindell and William Craighead three of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Thomas Landrum a resident of the town of Knoxville County of Knox and State of Tennessee in the said County of Knox and State of Tennessee aged 73 years last August 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in Chatham County North Carolina on the 29th day of August 1759 as he was informed by his parents. He has no record of his age. He was living in Montgomery County North Carolina at which place in the month of August 1776 he was drafted for a three months tour against the Cherokee Indians under Captain James Roper [could be James Raper] and Colonel David Love's Regiment of militia. We rendezvoused on ugly Creek near one Hogan's in said County at the time last aforesaid. We lay there a few days. The time not recollected then marched through Mecklenburg County and on to Catawba River crossed the River at Tuckaseegee Ford thence on through Pleasant Gardens high up on Broad River and on to the head waters of Green River. We lay there some time. It was understood the South Carolina troops was about to join the expedition -- and it was thought there would be more troops than necessary and about half our men was then discharged and he was among that number we had no battle the Indians killed some of our men and skirmishes. He was then honorably but verbally discharged in October 1776 according to the best of his recollection. He served at this time two months.

Again while living in said Montgomery County North Carolina about the middle of February 1779 he was drafted for a three months tour against the British under Captain Drewry Letbetter [Drury Ledbetter?] in Colonel Locke's Regiment of Militia his Christian name not recollected [probably Francis Locke]. We rendezvoused in Mecklenburg County at the time last aforesaid. Marched to Camden South Carolina, marched to Broad River and crossed at McCord's ferry, thence to Edisto River & crossed it at Boxes ferry, thence to the black swamp we there joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Regiment and made that our head quarters and lay there till our time was out and was there honorably discharged about the middle of May 1779 according to the best of his knowledge and belief. His discharge was signed by said Captain Letbetter but it is lost long since. He served at this time three months for which he claims a pension --

Again while living in said Montgomery County North Carolina about the first of June 1780 he volunteered under Captain James Fletcher we had no call at the start. We rendezvoused

at Captain Raper's in said County at the time last aforesaid. Marched to the mouth of Rocky River against the Tories. We joined Colonel Davidson's [William Lee Davidson's] Regiment before we got to said Rocky River we there had a skirmish with the Tories. They wounded Colonel Davidson and we killed one of them and wounded one and the rest fled instantly. We lay there some time at length not recollected. He was honorably but verbally discharged about the 20th of July 1780. He served at this time one month and a half for which he claims a pension --

Again while living in said Montgomery County North Carolina in the latter part of July 1780 he volunteered under Captain Jesse McLenden [Jesse McClendon?] in Colonel Thomas Waid's [sic, Thomas Wade's] Regiment of Militia. We rendezvoused on Little River in said County at the time last aforesaid marched through the Country in quest of Tories till we got to drowning Creek at Bittese bridge [sic, Beatti's Bridge<sup>1</sup>]. The planks on the bridge had been torn up by the British. We placed them down and crossed but while crossing the British and Tories commenced firing on us. We then had an engagement in which we were unsuccessful. Colonel Williams was killed & Colonel Thomas Childs was wounded. We lost upwards of 50 men killed and taken prisoners. We had to retreat and was pursued by the enemy. We then returned home. He was honorably but verbally discharged sometime in September 1780. He served at this time 5 weeks for which he claims a pension --

Again while living in said County and State in the latter end of July or the first of August 1781 he was drafted for a three months tour against the British under Captain West Harris in Major Dred Harris's and Colonel William Lofton's Regiment of Militia. We rendezvoused at Charles Robertson's on Little River in said County laid there a few days then marched to Cross Creek thence to Elizabeth town thence to Clayton's bridge on Cape Fear River we made that our head quarters till the British left Wilmington. We then got word that Cornwallis was taken. We were then honorably discharged in the last of October 1781 his three months lacked about eight days of being out. He was discharged for the full three months. His discharge was signed by Captain Harris but it is lost long since. He served at this time two months and twenty-two days for which he claims a pension. He may be mistaken as to some of the above dates but he is certain he served the full time above specified.

Again while living in the same County about the latter part of August or first of September 1780 he volunteered under Commissary William Morse to assist to collect cattle for General Greene's Army. He marched through the country on to Cross Creek and Drowning Creek in quest of cattle. We collected a number of cattle and took them to the Pedee River at which place he was for really discharged about the latter part of October 1780. He served at this time six weeks for which he claims a pension.

He served in the whole eleven months and twenty-four days for which he claims a pension. He lived in North Carolina four or five years after the Revolutionary war. He moved to Richmond County Georgia and lived there about 2 years he then moved into what is now Greene County Tennessee and from there he moved to Knox County Tennessee and lives there at this time. He never was a substitute. He never did receive a commission. He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with William Lindsay, John Webb, Isaac Barton, Rigdon Butt all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier of the Revolution. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Skirmish, Col. Thomas Wade vs. Col.s McNeil & Ray, 4 Aug 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattisbr.htm>

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Landrum

S/ Wm S. Ward, DCIk

[David Fleming, a clergyman, and Jozadak Roberts gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.65 for 10 months & 12 days service in the revolution.]