

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Landers S16444

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State of Georgia DeKalb County: On this day personally appeared in open court before the Superior Court of said County of DeKalb now sitting, John Landers a resident of said County and State, aged seventy-five 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 act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated about the commencement of the Revolutionary war he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Jesse Sanders who commanded one of three companies which were raised in Granville County North Carolina (where he lived at that time) to go on an expedition down towards Cape Fear [River] against the Scotch Tories who were embodied near a place called Moore's bridge, but another party came across them before our arrival and dispersed them or conquered them -- and the party to whom he belonged advanced no further than a place called Cross Creek at which place he was discharged after having been in service about 5 weeks. After he returned to Granville he enlisted under Lieutenant John Hart for the term of 2 years & 6 months but went no further than the place of rendezvous when he hired a substitute by the name of William Cox and returned home. Shortly after Gates defeat he volunteered in the company of Captain Richard Harrison and was placed under command of General Butler [John Butler] at Yadkin River the Brigade of Butler was met by the Brigade of Generals Gregory & Davidson [William Lee Davidson] and he was put under the command of General Davidson who signed his discharge after he had served a tour of 3 months this being the time for which he had volunteered. After this he went on a visit to his uncle in the State of Virginia Prince Edward County and Colonel Talton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] was at that time making excursions through that County, , and he joined Captain Allen's company of militia which company joined headquarters at a place called Mobing Hills [Malvern Hill] on James River, and was placed under the command of General Lawson and in Colonel Randolph's Regiment. He served a 3 months tour at that time and was discharged -- his discharge was signed by General Lawson, this discharge as well as the other he left in the State of North Carolina and does not know whether they have been destroyed or not.

He further states that he was discharged from his last service on the 22nd day of September in the year that Cornwallis surrendered. 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.

Sworn to & subscribed this 12th day of October 1832

S/ Wm Colquitt, JSC

S/ John Landers

[Elijah Bird, a clergyman, and Isaac N. Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia County of DeKalb

On this 15th day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Supreme Court of the said County of DeKalb now sitting John Landers a resident of said County & State aged seventy-six years on the 15th day of last September who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to the one made at the last October Term of this court for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated, near the commencement of the Revolutionary war he entered the service as a volunteer, a private in the militia of North Carolina in the company of Captain Jesse Sanders this was one of three companies raised in Granville County where he then resided. He was in actual service at that time at the least four weeks & disbanded at Cross Creek without receiving any written discharge. In the year 1780 he again entered the service as a volunteer in the militia of North Carolina in a company commanded by Captain Richard Harrison & was placed under the command of General Butler [John Butler] at Yadkin River he was put under the command of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] he served at this time a Tour of 3 months and was discharged his term of service having expired at a place called six mile Creek in Mecklenburg County North Carolina which discharge this declarant has since making his former declaration obtained by going to the State of North Carolina where he had left it on his removal from that State (which discharge is assigned by Colonel Moore & General Davidson & hereunto annexed). In the year 1781 he volunteered in the militia of Virginia in Captain Allen's company in Prince Edward County for a 3 months tour said company joined headquarters at Mobing Hills [Malvern Hill] on James River & was commanded by General Lawson Colonel Randolph's Regiment he served at this time a tour of 3 months and got a written discharge signed by General Lawson -- this discharge he believes to be lost or destroyed as he has been unable to find it. He further states that he was born in Granville County North Carolina in the year 1757 on the 15th day of September. He says he has a record of his age written by his father in a Sermon Book at his house. He was living in Granville County North Carolina when called into service after the Revolution, he removed to Columbia County State of Georgia & remained there 9 years -- from thence he went back to North Carolina Caswell County where he remained 29 years or thereabouts from thence he came to DeKalb County Georgia where he has resided ever since. He states that he was a volunteer in each of the tours which he served & a private. He states that he received 2 discharges one assigned by Colonel Moore & General Davidson & the other by General Lawson. He states that he is known to James Time in Esquire, John Henry, James Henley, Benjamin Carr, John Carr & Nathan Johnson & Isaac N. Johnson in his neighborhood, all of whom can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He further states that during the aforesaid periods of service he was attached to embodied Corps called into service by a party of the State in which the service was performed & during said periods he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.
Sworn to & subscribed this 11th day of October 1833.

S/ John Landers

S/ Grigsly E. Thomas,

[Jephtha V. George, a clergyman, and Isaac N. Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia DeKalb County: Before me James Diamond a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County came Littleton Johnston and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith on oath that he knew John Landers in the State of North Carolina at the commencement of the Revolutionary war and that the said John Landers enlisted in the war for the term of two years and six months under a Lieutenant John Hart to go to Wilmington, and the said Littleton Johnston further saith that he Johnston served some time in the war and on his return home it was generally reported and not contradicted that the said John Landers had served a tour against the Tories and that it was further stated and not contradicted that the said John Landers had also served a tour in Virginia near your war and that part of the Country and he Johnston further states that the said Landers was raised in the State of North Carolina in Granville County and that he is upwards of 70 years of age, that he supports an honest and upright character and that for the last 40 years has been a preacher of the Gospel and in fair standing in the churches to which he has belonged. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th of September 1832

S/ Littleton Johnston

Georgia Columbia County: Before me William S. Dunn Justice of the Peace in and for said County came Henry Spalding and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith on oath that he knew John Landers in the State of North Carolina at the commencement of the Revolutionary War and that the said John Landers enlisted in the war for the term of 2 years and 6 months under a Lieutenant John Hart to go to Wilmington and the said Henry Spalding further saith that he the said John Landers did volunteer and serve a tour against the Tories under Captain Jesse Sanders and he the said Spalding further saith that the said John Landers and myself went out under Captain Richard Harrison with General Butler that on the Yadkin River General Gregory and General Davidson met and we was placed under General Davidson he signed our discharges and he the said Spalding further states that he knew the said Landers to be the greater part of his time in the service throughout the war and he Spalding further states that said Landers was raised in the State of North Carolina in Granville County and that he is upwards of 70 years of age that he supported an honest and upright character and that for the last 40 years has been a preacher of the Gospel and in fair standing in the churches to which he has belonged.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd of September 1832
S/ William S. Dunn, JP

S/ Henry Spalding¹

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"The Bearer John Landars of Cpt. Harrison's Company of the Three months Draught is hear by discharged having sarved his tower of Duty Acording to Law Given under my hand the eighth Day of [illegible] 1780.

S/ Wm Moore Col.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.11 per annum for 6 months 28 days service in the revolution.]

¹ [Henry Spalding \(Spaulding\) R9950](#)

[Veteran died October 30, 1840 survived by his widow, Mourning Landers, the file contains no information regarding their marriage or any children they may have had.]