

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Lowrance (Lorance, Laurence) S1682 fn49NC

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State of Tennessee Maury County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 18th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before us Robert Wortham, James Huey and Peter Williams Justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions of said County -- now sitting Jacob Lowrance a resident of Maury County in the State of Tennessee aged about seventy-three 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the United States service under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That the said Jacob Lowrance was born in Rowan County North Carolina on the 7th day of August 1758, a written memorandum of which is shown to the court. He was drafted into service in the year 1777, rendezvoused at Charlotte North Carolina at which place we joined General Butler [John Butler], there was a Colonel Malmundy [Malmedy] in the Army. The other officers he cannot recollect except that he was put into the horse company of Captain White in a few weeks after he joined the service -- from Charlotte we marched through South Carolina by the Cherokee ponds to Augusta in Georgia from thence we marched to Stonoe [sic, Stono Ferry]¹ where a battle was fought but this applicant was sick but was in hearing of engagement -- from his indisposition at that time he cannot tell but little of the officers or any matters in relation to this battle -- This applicant remained there in the neighborhood until discharged. This drafted term was for three months -- This applicant was drafted again he thinks in 1781. Rendezvoused at Salisbury in Captain Bell's company, was an orderly Sergeant to that company, in the Regiment of Colonel McDowell of Burke County North Carolina, Major White was of the same Regiment, General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] took the command in chief -- we marched toward the lower end of North Carolina against the Tories & British -- we passed through Fayetteville (then applicant thinks called Cross Creek) -- stopped there a few days to collect provisions -- thence marched to Wilmington but the British departed from that place before we arrived² -- after a few days this applicant was discharged -- he returned home to Rowan County North Carolina.

¹ The Battle of Stono Ferry was fought June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

² The British evacuated Wilmington North Carolina on November 18, 1781 following receipt of the news of the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

After this, the time he cannot recollect, this applicant was drafted to go against the Tories under Captain Thomas, Colonel Frank Locke [Francis Locke] & Colonel George Davidson -- we rendezvoused at Colonel Davidson in Rowan & marched (to Ramsour's Mill) across the Catawba [River] at which battle ³he was -- he recollects that Captain Houston was there -- also Captain Wilson -- Captain Falls of the horse was killed there -- at this place we whipped the Tories -- the tour to Ramsour's lasted about 6 weeks as well as this applicant recollects --

This applicant was again drafted under Captain Craig, General Davidson & Colonel Locke marched to Coleston's⁴ at which place we met the Tories, whipped them after a hard but short fight -- but was soon after discharged this tour applicant thinks lasted about six weeks. He was again drafted under Captain Tom Cowan Colonel Locke rendezvoused at Salisbury marched to Hillsboro crossed the Yadkin [River] at the Shallow Ford at or near Hillsboro we met General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] but was soon after discharged -- returned home to Rowan North Carolina & lived there until 1788 when he moved to Oglethorpe County in the State of Georgia lived there until 1806 at which time he came to Maury County Tennessee & has lived here and still lives in Maury County Tennessee. He has never received a written discharge from any of his tours of duty & has no written testimony of his Services, & knows of no other person but John Gracy [?] that he can prove his services by --

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.

S/ Jacob Lorange

Sworn to & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas J. Porter, Clerk

[John H. Edmiston and Jeremiah McConnel, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Maury County

On this 10th day of August 1832 = Personally Appeared before Robert McNutt one of the Justice of the Peace for said County = John Gracey⁵ A resident of the County [of] Giles and State of Tennessee = who being first duly sworn According to law -- doth on his oath make the following Statements = that he was personally acquainted with Jacob Lorange = in the State of North Carolina Roan County [sic, Rowan County] -- which I believe him to be about seventy-three years of age at this Time = also knows that said Jacob Lorange was drafted to serve a three months tower [tour] in the Militia to South Carolina in the Revolution war -- and further believes that He did serve said tower = of duty -- and Also do believe that he served a second tower In the Militia for three months to Wilmington North Carolina = also one short tower to Ramsour's = also one short tower to Coltson Also I know the said Lorange did serve a tower of duty for about six weeks -- in the State of North Carolina from Sauls Bury [sic, Salisbury] -- to Hillsboro under the command of Colonel Locke -- and I believe in Captain Cowen company = furthermore this deponent saith not = Given under my hand = this date above written -- Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Jn Greacy [sic]

S/ Robt. McNutt, JP {Seal}

State of Tennessee Maury County: Personally appeared before me Robert McNutt a Justice of the

³ June 20, 1780, <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

⁴ If this is a reference to the engagement at Colson's Mill, that engagement occurred on July 21, 1780 under Whig forces led by Colonel William Lee Davidson. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/colson.htm>

⁵ [John Gracey W357](#)

peace in and for said County, Jacob Lowrance who being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades.

For three months (a private) in the trip to Stono he believes in the year 1777. For three months in 1781 as a private for six weeks in the trip to Ramsour's Mills a private for 6 weeks in his trip to Coleston's a private (the two six weeks trips make the three months trip spoken of in 1781). For three months in his trip to Wilmington (a private). For six weeks in his trip to Hillsboro where he met General Greene (a private) and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th June 1833

S/ Jacob Lowrance

S/ Robt. McNutt, JP

[Veteran died may 24, 1855.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$39.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service in the Revolution as a private and Sergeant.]