

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Lock S1683

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State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this 25 day of June A.D. 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before Burkett Douglass, Henry Hobson and David Hibbits Justices of the Peace for the County of Wilson and lawfully empowered to hold said Court now sitting – being a Court of Record – Charles Lock a resident of the County of Wilson in said State of Tennessee in the eighty first year of his age having been born according to the family Register on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1752 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 – that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1774 as well as he now recollects in the month of June – he volunteered in the militia raised in Amelia County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Wynne – they rendezvoused at a place called the Butterwood Springs in the same County – and marched from there to Petersburg where his company was placed under the command of Colonel Francis Eppes the other officers then in command from the failure of his memory he does not now recollect from Petersburg the [they] went by water to James town in Virginia where they landed and marched to Williamsburg and were placed under the command of General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] who then resided at or near Little York, he remained at Williamsburg until he was discharged – the object of the Troops being stationed at Williamsburg was to defend the town from the probable provision of Governor Dunmore [John Murray, Earl of Dunmore, last royal Governor of Virginia] and the British Army as Portsmouth had been lately burnt – applicant served in this tour three months. In the month of July 1775 Declarant volunteered for twelve months as a minute man in a company raised by Captain Leweling Jones [Lewelling Jones] and Wood Jones, Lieutenant and William Greenhill Ensign the militia raised in Amelia County in the State of Virginia – we held ourselves in constant readiness to March at a moment's warning – he was not called into actual service until the month of October 1775 in that month he marched with his company to the foot of Willis's Mountain to a place called Goode Bridge at the head of Appomattox River in the State of Virginia they were stationed there for three months – and the object of retaining his company at that place was to cut off the communication between the Indians from above and the British on the Sea board – after remaining there for three months Declarant was discharged he was not in actual service but three months out of the twelve months for which he volunteered yet he held himself in constant readiness to be called on and any moment and he is advised that he has a right to consider the whole twelve months – as so much service and to claim a pension for the same – it is [indecipherable word] submitted to the Department whether he is entitled to a pension for the

twelve months or for three the time actually served – at the time Declarant served as a minute man he belonged to the Regiment under the command of Colonel Paul Carrington and John Jones as Major – in the year 1776 – Declarant substituted in the place of Laurance Gibbon in the company commanded by Captain Richard Harwell, Samuel Powell Lieutenant, and John Tailer Ensign in the militia raised in Sussex County in the State of Virginia – they rendezvoused at Williamsburg and were placed under the command of General Nelson to be prepared to meet the British Army that were expected to land and invade the County he served two months and was discharged in the month of September 1777 he substituted himself in the place of one Jacob Mitchell, Thomas Parham Left [?] in the Company of militia raised by Captain Judkins Hunt in Sussex County Virginia – they rendezvoused at Williamsburg – and marched from there to Little York and were placed under the command of General Nelson there they were detained until discharged having served three months the object of their service at Little York was to prevent the landing of the British Army and to prevent the destruction of property – in the year 1780 he served a tour of duty under Captain Green Hill in the militia raised in Sussex County Virginia – John Fins [?] Lieutenant John Freeman Ensign they were stationed at Cabin Point on James River under the command of General Nelson – there he remained six weeks and was discharged having obtained a furlough for the balance of of his term of 3 months – he has no documentary evidence of his service and he knows of no person whose testimony he can produce as to his service. Abraham Vaughan and John Bonner know him in the State of Virginia and knew that he was reputed a soldier of the Revolutionary [war], Burchett Douglass Esquire, Reverend Thomas Calhoun, Michael Zerger [?], and Robert Sims can testify as to his character for truth – his whole time of actual service was twelve months and a half including the whole Term of service of a minute man twenty-one months and a half – he knows of no clergyman that he can procure to testify as to his services known living in his neighborhood except Reverend John Jones whose certificate is annexed – 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 – declarant lived when called into service in the State of Virginia &c now lives in Wilson County Tennessee.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1833

S/ Charles Lock

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Lock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Charles Lock".

[John Bonner gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that the veteran has always been reputed in his neighborhood as having been a revolutionary war soldier and that he, affiant, has heard his uncle Henry Bonner say that he and applicant served together in the revolutionary war.]  
[John Bonner, Abram Vaughan and John Jones gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 12 days in the Virginia militia.]