

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lancaster<sup>1</sup> S16912

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The State of Indiana, Switzerland County, SS:

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable, the Probate court of the County aforesaid, being a court of record, William Lancaster a resident of Switzerland County Indiana aged 85 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June A.D. 1832 – that he, the said William Lancaster entered the service of the United States during the American revolutionary war under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That he, the said William Lancaster was drafted and served in a company of Virginia militia commanded by Captain William Buckner of Colonel Harvey's Regiment. He joined said company about the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1779 and served upwards of 2 months. He was stationed as a guard at Albemarle barracks over British & Hessian prisoners. In 1780, he was drafted and served in Captain Benjamin Johnson's company of Virginia Militia of Orange County Virginia and served 90 days. In 1781, he was drafted, in July or August and placed under the command of Abner Porter, commissary of the Army and served 4 months – making in the hold nearly 10 months – And, that he hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

The Court, then propounded the following interrogatories to the said William Lancaster

1. Where and in what year were you born? I was born in Hanover County Virginia, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 1746.
2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? I have no copy I was christened in King William County Virginia where my age is recorded.
3. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? I then lived in Orange County Virginia and lived there 15 years after the war thence removed to Kentucky and lived in that state 27 or 28 years = thence to Indiana, and have remained ever since
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom? I was drafted each time.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. A company commanded by Captain Johnson, was stationed at Albemarle barracks, as a guard over the British and Hessian prisoners, at the same time that Captain Buckner

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<sup>1</sup> Note on cover sheet: "This man's widow Sarah was pensioned as the former widow of John Levy Blades, MD, W9502."

company was.

In 1780 our company was marched from Orange Courthouse Virginia to Richmond and lay there about ten days, during which time we drew our tents, equipage &c and were then marched to Jamestown and thence crossed the River to Cabin Point, in Surry County = we were then marched to Petersburg Major Nathaniel Welsh had a command. I was dismissed at Petersburg.

In 1781, in July or August, I was drafted at Orange Court-house, Virginia in a company = on the day of rendezvous, before our company was organized, I was selected and placed under the orders of Abner Porter, commissary of the Army and assisted him to drive [sic] cattle for the Army. We delivered one drove at the place called the Mobbing Hills [Malvern Hills], some distance below Richmond = a second drove was delivered by us at New Castle on the Rappahannock River where I was dismissed and having served 4 months, Making in the whole of my service between 9 and 10 months.

William Proctor

William Ingraham

Duncan Campbell

George Petty

Ewell Boston

John Samuel

Richard Allen

Joseph Boston

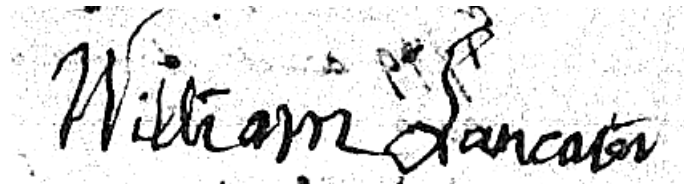
the above named persons were detailed at the same time and place and placed under the command of Abner Proctor [sic] = there were 12 of us in the first place but I have forgotten the names of the others.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? I never received a written discharge

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Pruet Harvey Henry Peters, James N Taylor, George Craig, Abisha McKay, Joseph Short, James Munn.

8. Have you any documentary evidence of your services, and do you know of any person now living whose testimony you can procure to testify to your services? I have none and know of no person living by whom I can prove the same.

S/ William Lancaster

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Lancaster". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[John Pavy, a clergyman, and Pruet Harvey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Sarah Blades, widow of John Levy Blades, married the veteran September 11, 1813 in Bracken County Kentucky. She was his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife; his first wife is not named. In 1844, Catharine, the wife of Mallory Lancaster, son of the veteran William Lancaster by his first wife, was a resident of Switzerland County Indiana. Some of these facts are supported by documents contained in the relating to the services of John Levy Blades W9502.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service.]