

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Lawrance (Lawrence) S21858

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: to wit

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 183? [last digit written over and indecipherable] personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for the said District sitting James Lawrance [sic] a resident of the said District aged 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I entered the service of the United States on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1779 under Captain Joseph Winn, and marched to Hallifax [Halifax], on the Roanoke [River], North Carolina and joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mason [David Mason] – and Lieutenant Colonel Burrell, and marched to Salisbury where the Army convined [sic, convened?] – From thence we marched to Camden South Carolina and from thence marched to and joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army near Stono, and fought in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] – after the Battle we remained under the command of General Lincoln until the last all of August when our Regiment was discharged having served nearly 7 months. – In the fall of the same year I went again into the Service under Captain DeGraffenried in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Meriwether in Major Clamans Battalion, and marched to a place called Cabbin Point [Cabin Point], and from thence to Portsmouth, where the British forces were stationed. – From this place I marched to Nansemond River, where we were stationed a few weeks and were discharged, having served in this tower [tour] about three months. – In June 1780 I again joined the Army under Captain Ragsdale, under the command of General Lawson, and marched to Prince Edward, and from thence to James River and joined the main Army and marched to the Siege of Little York – where I remained until a few weeks before the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – when I was relieved and discharged having served six months in this tour. – I have no documentary evidence of my services and refer to William Pollard<sup>1</sup> and Roland Johnson<sup>2</sup> who served with me –. I was born in King William County in Virginia on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1764, as I have been informed, having no record of my age; I resided in Lunenburg [County], Virginia when I entered the service and have resided in this State principally since the revolution and now reside in Spartanburg South Carolina. – I served as a draft – and never received any written discharge for my Character for truth and moral deportment I refer to the Reverend Mr. Gramblin and John Roland Esquire and Doctor JW Lewis – I do hereby relinquish

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<sup>1</sup> [William Pollard W9237](#)

<sup>2</sup> FPA S21846

every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

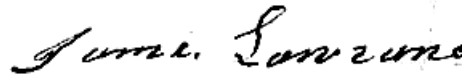
S/ James Lawrance

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Lawrence".

[James Grambling, a clergyman, Johnson and William Pollard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Spartanburg District: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833 Personally appeared before the subscriber, a magistrate of said District, James Lawrence, who being duly sworn on his oath saith in addition to his Declaration hereunto attached, that he served 7 months (lacking 9 days) under Captain Jos. Winn in 1779. – That he served 3 months in the fall of the same year under Captain DeGraffenried, and Colonel Meriwether's Regiment. – That he served 6 months under Captain Ragsdale in 1780 in the Regiment commanded by General Lawson – making in all 16 months.

S/ Jame Lowrence [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Lawrence".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the Virginia service.]