

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Lawson S30530

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State of Kentucky County of Greenup Sct.

On this first day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of Greenup County now sitting James Lawson a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged 72 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he was born in March 1760 that he has a record of his age at his house. That he was drafted in Hampshire County Virginia, in which County he then resided that he entered the service on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1777 or 1778 under Captain Moses Hutton, Lieutenant Sylvester Ward, Ensign Jonathan Heath, he marched to the mouth of Wheeling and there remained in service until the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September following, that he then & there received a written discharge from Moses Hutton which he has long since lost or destroyed. He states that while the troops to which he belonged lay at Wheeling a Lieutenant Lawrence Harrison a regular officer came from Pittsburgh with orders from General Hand for ten men out of Captain Hutton's, & ten from Captain Cresap's Company to go on an expedition down the River to where Marietta now stands, that he volunteered as one of the 10 from Hutton's company on their return they were closely pressed by the Indians. – He states further that in the summer of 1782 he entered the service again under the draft & marched from Hampshire County Virginia to New Castle under Captain McCarty & that Colonel Dark & Major Bedinger were in company that this term was for three months and the time of service from general rendezvous was \_\_ that he was then taken as one of the Patrol which consisted of two hundred men, commanded by Colonel Mathews who was afterwards out against the whiskey boys, our general stand while patrol was at a place known by the name of "Burnt Ormary" above Williamsburg. He states that he has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his services. He expects to prove his services at Wheeling by Benjamin Enland – And he has a brother living by whom he could prove his service as patrol, but he resides at such a distance that it would be very inconvenient for him to procure his evidence.

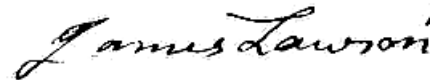
He further states that he served 3 months under General St. Clair, his Captain Robert Leomon & that he was in St. Clair's defeat besides much other service against the Indians about that time, and though he is informed that he is not entitled to receive anything for his services in St. Clair's Campaign, Yet he does not think it useless to speak of it in addition to his other

services, he states that he has resided in Greenup County Kentucky for the last 8 years & that he is well known to the Reverend Charles Philips & Clement H Waring Esquire.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Lawson



[Charles Philips, a clergyman, and Clement H Waring gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Greenup County: Sct.

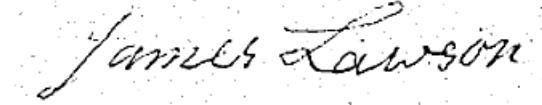
On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the County court of Greenup County now sitting, James Lawson, a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he was born in March 1760, that he has the record of his age at his house in this County. That he was drafted in Hampshire County Virginia in which County he then resided, that he entered the service on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1777 or 1778 under Captain Moses Hutton, Lieutenant Sylvester Ward, Ensign Jonathan Heath he marched to the mouth of Wheeling and there remained in service until the 11<sup>th</sup> of September following, that then & there he received a written discharge from Moses Hutton which he has long since lost or destroyed, he states that while the troops to which he belonged lay at Wheeling a Lieutenant Lawrence Harrison, a regular officer came from Pittsburgh, with orders from General Hand for ten men out of Hutton's & ten from Captain Cresap's company to go on an expedition down the River to where Marietta now stands, that he volunteered as one of the ten from Captain Hutton's company, & on their return they were closely pressed by the Indians,

He states further that in the summer of 1782 he entered the service again under a draft & marched from Hampshire County Virginia to New Castle under Captain McCarty and that Colonel Dark [William Darke] and Major Bedinger were in company, that this term was for three months and the time of service from general rendezvous was \_\_\_\_, that he was then taken as one of the patrol which consisted of two hundred men, commanded by Colonel Mathews, who were afterwards out against the whiskey boys, Our general stand while patrol was at a place known by the name of "Burnt Ormary" [Burnt Ordinary] above Williamsburg, He states that he has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his services. ~~He expects to prove his services at~~ He had a brother living by whom he could prove his service as patrol, but he resides at such a distance that it would be very inconvenient for him to procure his evidence. He further states that he served three months under General St. Clair, The name of the Captain under whom he served was Robert Leomon, & that he was in St. Clair's defeat [November 4, 1791], besides much other service against the Indians, about that time, & although he may not be entitled to receive anything for his services in St. Clair's Campaign, Yet he thinks it proper to speak of it in connection with his other services as evidence of his willingness at all times to step forward & offer his services when his country might require them.

He states that he resided in Adams County Ohio before removing to Greenup County & that he has resided here (Greenup County Kentucky) for the last 8 or 9 years & that he is well known to the Reverend Charles Philips & James Patton Esquire the latter of whom has known him 40 years or more. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Lawson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Lawson". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

[Charles Philips, a clergyman, and James Patton gave the supporting affidavit.]

[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 militia.]