

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lasley S30687

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State of Kentucky County of Lawrence: SS

On this 11th day of August 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned Justices of the Lawrence County Court John Lasley a Resident of the East fork of little Sandy in the County of Lawrence and State of Kentucky aged seventy-two years and nine months 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 June 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in September 1778 with Captain Jesse Evans and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark under the following named officers: Colonel George Rogers Clark, Lieutenant Colonel John Montgomery, Captain Jesse Evans, Lieutenant Anthony Crockett that the Regiment in which he served rendezvoused at the long islands of Holston River in March 1779 where the Regiment in which this applicant served embarked and descended the said River to its junction with the Tennessee River and thence down the Tennessee to its junction with the Mississippi thence up the Mississippi to the mouth of the Kaskaskia River and up the Kaskaskia about six miles to the town of okaw [?] now called Kaskaskia at which place the troops remained three weeks and then embarked again went down the Kaskaskia to the Mississippi and down the Mississippi to the mouth of Ohio thence up the Ohio to the mouth of the Wabash and up the Wabash to the town of opost now called Vincennes where the troops remained for some time and where that part of the troops which this applicant served remained in Garrison until June 1780 when they left opost and went down the Wabash to the Ohio and down the Ohio to the Mississippi and down the same about 4 miles to a small town then erecting and called at that time Clarksville at which place this applicant was Honorably Discharged after having served one year and 6 months which Discharge was left by this applicant in the hands of Major John Taylor of Montgomery County Virginia who shortly afterwards died and said Discharge has not been seen nor heard of since by this applicant that the troops with whom this applicant served during the time of his service passed through a part of the state of Virginia, and a part of the territory that now constitutes the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana and he further states that he lived in Montgomery County Virginia at the time of his enlistment. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Lasley

¹ The original declaration of this veteran is transcribed from the virgin posted on HeritageQuest.com, the version posted on Fold3.com. being illegibly faint



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Tazewell County Virginia to wit

Personally appeared Low Brown before the undersigned Subscriber a justice of the peace in the aforesaid County of Tazewell and made oath in due form that he together with John Lesley [sic] and others enlisted as soldiers during the War of the American Revolution under Captain Jesse Evans in the County of Montgomery, and sometime after being enlisted marched to the rendezvous on the long Island of Holston, from thence to the Illinois having joined at the rendezvous Colonel Montgomery's Regiment under whose command we marched to the last named place and was attached to the Army commanded by General Clark who commanded at the falls of Ohio and elsewhere in the Western Country, this affiant saith that he served eighteen months from the time of joining Montgomery's Regiment and that said John Lesley served in the same company with him and they were messmates together, he was well acquainted with said Lesley before he enlisted and also have been well acquainted with him since having lived a near neighbor to him several years in the County of Tazewell Virginia on the waters of Bluestone River and he fully believes that the said John Lesley who is now an applicant for a pension is the same with whom he enlisted and served as above stated, he left this County about four years since and removed to the State of Kentucky he states that he has seen and heard from him frequently since his removal, and believes that he is now alive and from information residing on the waters of little Sandy Lawrence County Kentucky, this affiant states that they were stationed at different forts a part of the time at Kaskaskia the Opost and the Iron Works being discharged from service at the last named place in the year 1780 and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Low Brown²



Sworn before me in the County aforesaid the 19th day of July 1833

S/ John B George, JP

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State of Virginia, Logan County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Anthony Lawson, a Justice of the peace for the County of Logan aforesaid Robert Whitt³ a citizen of this County and made oath that during the War of the Revolution he served under General Clark in the Illinois Regiment & during said service he was acquainted with John Lesley who was a private soldier in said Regiment and served under the command of Colonel Montgomery for 18 months; General Clark commanding the Army at the falls of Ohio. Given under my hand & seal this 13th day of July 1833

S/ Anthony Lawson, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 6 months in the Virginia Continental service.]

² [Low Brown S5299](#)

³ [Robert Whitt S7880](#)

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Your petitioner John Lasly [sic] of Lawrence County in the State of Kentucky Represents to your Excellency that he enlisted into the service of the United States in 1778 in the Company of one Jesse Evans and Colonel John Montgomery and was called on to March in the spring of 1779 from the Holston River and down the Tennessee River that year and joined Clarkes [George Rogers Clark's] Company on the 29th May 1779 in the Illinois Country and remained there for the term of one year agreeable to my enlistment and received a discharge sometime in the summer of 1780 for which term and service your petitioner was promised Land bounty, your petitioner is now about seventy-four years of age and is now receiving a pension from the United States but your petitioner has never called on the State of Virginia for the [paper damaged and text missing and partial, indecipherable word] for the services aforesaid therefore your Excellency will please to take the same into Consideration and allow the quantity of Warrant due and your petitioner will ever pray &c.

S/ John Lasley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lasley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Lasley".