

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan (Nathaniel) Lawson S31197

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Washington County and State of Kentucky Sct.

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County Nathan Lawson Senior a revolutionary Soldier in the 77 year of his age and made oath that he served in the militia Service of the State of Virginia during the revolutionary war upwards of two years and six months as follows viz. I entered the Service in Captain Thomas Williams Company in the year 1777 for the term of three months and continued to serve out my time and was honorably discharged and again I entered the service under a Captain McGood and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Burrell for the term of six months and continued to serve out my time and was honorably discharged and again I entered the service in Captain Morton's Company for the term of three months and continued to serve out my time and was honorably discharged in again I entered the service in Captain Jimmerson's [probably Jamison's] Company and Regiment commanded by Colonel Purnell for the term of three months and continued to serve out my time and was honorably discharged. The balance of the time I served in the wagon service under wagon master Thomas Hatchett and I further state on oath that I have long since lost or mislaid my Discharges that I am not now on the pension roll of the United States neither have I ever been a Pensioner and I hereby relinquish all claims to any other pension against the United States.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of July 1832

S/ M. Pendleton, JP WC

This Day personally appeared before me Justice of the Peace for said County John Lawson and made oath that Nathan Lawson Senior who swore to the above [the HeritageQuest version of this document ends at this point and the Fold3.com version is illegible.]

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State of Kentucky Washington County viz.

On this __ day of __ 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Washington Nathan Lawson a resident Citizen of said County and State aged seventy-eight years – whose advanced age and infirmities prevent has attending the court for said County without great inconvenience and [several words too faint to discern] as he lives Fourteen miles from the court house who being first 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 day of June 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. I Nathan Lawson of the County of Washington State of Kentucky do hereby declare on oath and in answer to the several interrogatories put to me by direction of the War Department, that I was born in the County of King William on the 15 day of March 1755 in the State of Virginia as my mother informed me and in the month of __ 177__ in the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia I volunteered in Captain Thomas Williams company of militia who was ordered into service for three months and we were joined by another company commanded by Captain John Watkins and we first marched to Williamsburg where we were stationed some time and we then marched to Hampton and to Portsmouth where we were stationed until my time expired, as I was kept in almost constant marches I cannot recollect the name of my Colonel as on account of my age and not being [entire line of text too faint to discern] the name has escaped me but I solemnly declare that I served this year the full term of three months and was honorably discharged, and the next year I volunteered in the company of Captain McGood and Lieutenant Ba[balance of name to faint to discern] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Burrell and was attached to General Mason's command on a tour of six months and we marched to Stono and was engaged in the Battle which took place [June 20, 1779] at that place and I faithfully served out my full term of 6 months and was honorably discharged at Stono when my time expired – and again in the month of __ during the next year I volunteered in Captain Jamison's Company and Colonel Purnell's Regiment for 3 months and we marched to __ and was stationed as a guard until my time expired and I was honorably discharged and again in the month of __ next year I was drafted and was attached to the service in Captain Thomas Hatchett's company under Colonel Morton for three months and was employed the greater part of the time escorting wagons of provisions and ammunition for the Army in the neighborhood of Guilford Courthouse and I faithfully performed my duty until my time expired and I was honorably discharged making in the hold fifteen months actual service which I performed as a soldier in the revolutionary war. I further declare that I have no documentary evidence of my age or services and that I do not know of any other person now alive by whom I can prove my services except John Lawson and Joshua Lawson, I further declare that I was a volunteer in all my tours except the last and after the revolutionary war ended I resided in the County of Charlotte and state of Virginia until the year 1802 when I removed to the state of Kentucky and County of Washington where I now reside, I also hereby relinquish all claims which I have to any pension or annuity except the present.

Witness my hand this 18th day of February 1833

S/ Nathanal Lawson, X his mark

Washington County viz. We the undersigned ~~John Lawson~~ and Joshua Lawson do hereby solemnly declare on oath that we are the reputed Brothers of the above Nathan Lawson who has signed and sworn to the above declaration and we lived in the same County in the State of Virginia with the said Nathan Lawson and we have heard the above declaration read to us and we state on our oaths that he served in the revolutionary war the times and manner which is contained in his declaration we know that he started into the service at the times he has declared and did not return until his time expired.

S/ Joshua Lawson, X his mark

[Turner Smith, a clergyman, and Thomas Ewing and James Schoaling gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the Virginia service.]