

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Lander S31198

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State of Kentucky } SS
County of Bourbon }

On this fourteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before The Honbl Richard Fenick Judge of the Bourbon Circuit Court Charles Lander a resident of Bourbon County and State of Kentucky aged seventy seven years the 29th December last past 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 the year one Thousand seven hundred and seventy Five (in the month of October) with Charles West and served in the — Regiment of the Virginia line under the Following named officers Capt. Charles West, Lieut. John Tyler, and Ensign William Owsley; This Enlistment was for six months - I then being a resident of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County Virginia after enlisting I was marched from that place to Williams-Burgh [sic: Williamsburg] thence to Hampton at this place found Gov'r. Dunmore spikeing our Cannon and committing as much depredation as possible here we remained during the Winter and my enlistment expired in the spring of 1776 when I reenlisted under Capt Charles West Lieut. John Tyler and Apollos Cooper Ensign and was marched from thence to Williamsburgh Virginia at which place and its environs we were in camped untill our Regiment [3rd Reg. of Foot] commanded by Col. Weiden [sic: George Weedon] consisting of near Eight Hundred men was completed; And in the Month of August of this year (1776) pursuant to an express was marched to New York and passed through the following places Towit Alexandria, Lancaster, crossed the Delaware River at Trenton Newjersey & Princeton Thence to new york at this place remained only one Night and the next day marched to Fort Washington and remained some weeks during which time [on 16 Nov 1776] we fought a battle with the British Two miles below the fort in which Maj'r. Leach [sic: Andrew Leitch] of Alexandria was killed. Thence we were marched to the white plains where another Battle was fought I think in the Month of October [28th], there we crossed the North River and previous to the Battle of Princeton [3 Jan 1777] owing to Ill health was permitted to leave the Army and I remained during the winter with a relation in New Jersey and in the Spring of 1777 month of April went to Philadelphia to be Inoculated for the Small Pox here I remained untill the 24th of August during which time I had acted as a Sargant appointed by Capt West to protect some baggage belonging to the Officers of the Army then stored in Philadelphia; on the 25th August I rejoined my company at the Cross roads not far from German Town [Germantown] where the main army was encamped Commanded by Gen'l. Washington, Gen'l. [Charles] Scott, and Gen'l. [Adam] Stephens, also by Col Thomas Marshall Col [Abraham] Buford and Col [William] Woodford the Former Col Marshall commanding the Regiment to which I belonged, from here we marched to Philadelphia, thence crossed the Schuylkill River on a floating cedar bridge and marched direct to Brandywine and arrived at the Middle Ford on the 10th day of September; on the 11th Sept. Col. Thomas Marshalls Regiment was directed to march to the Upper Ford of Brandywine with Gens. Scott and Stephens on his rear here we fought a hard battle in which Capt. Cooper was killed (I having acted as a Sarjeant during this year) After the Battle of Brandywine we returned by the Warren Tavern and at this place had another battle which must have been severe but for a very hard rain which compelled the enemy to cease and recrossed the Schuylkill to the Tanyard Camp where we remained untill the 3^d october on the evening of this day and in the morning of the 4th October attacked the British Army then encamped near German Town and defeated them; they retreated toward Philadelphia and meeting a reinforcement made a reattack and defeated the American Army who were compelled to retreat to the Tan-yard Camp, and thence to the Valley forge where we encamped for the winter. here I acted as Sergeant had a corporlal and sixteen privates under my command amongst whom were the following persons now recollected, Peter Brenner, Andrew Race [pension application S43888], (Two Coulered men Towit John and Joseph Sidebottom [pension

applications W8775 and W8727)) at this place Capt Blair was issuing commissary - At the Valley Forge in the month of February 1778 I was discharged -

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 [signed] Charles Lander

State of Kentucky } Sct
Clarke County }

On this 27th day of November 1832 came before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County and State afs'd and authorized by law to administer oaths and take and certify testimony, John Skinner a citizen of the County afs'd and being first duly sworn agreeably to law, states that his is now in his sixty ninth year of age that he is well acquainted with Charles Lander of Bourbon County and State of Kentucky, that they were school boys together in Loudan County State of Virginia and that they have resided within eleven miles of each other for the last thirty years the said Lander in Bourbon and the said Skinner in Clarke County afs'd — That he the said John Skinner has a perfect and distinct recollection of the time when Capt Charles West of the Virginia line made up his company in the army of the revolution and thinks it was in the year 1775 - That the brother of this affiant Cornelious Skinner [Cornelius Skinner] enlisted as a soldier in said company and that the afs'd Charles Lander enlisted in said company at the same time, as he always understood and believes That he was not present when he did enlist, but that the said Lander and this affiants afore named brother was absent from their residence, the said Lander about two years and six months and his brother not so long he being sooner discharged in consequence of bad health. This affiants brother and the brother of the said Lander lived about one and a half miles distant from each other that he has often heard his father, and the father of the said Lander speak of the said Charles Landers Service in the army. This his first enlistment as he understood was for six months and the second for two years. That this affiants father went to the Army, while at the White Plains near New York for his aforementioned brother and brought him home, and on their return they stated that they had left the said Charles Lander in the army at that Place. Indeed no personal fact was more generally known of a man in the neighbourhood where they resided than the fact of the said Charles Landers service in the army for the time afs'd. He further perfectly recollects of the said Landers return from the army after his term of service had expired for he then saw him and conversed with him.

[signed] John Skinner

At the same time and place and before me, appeared the Honbl James Clark, and being first sworn states, that he is well acquainted with the said Charles Lander that the said Lander is a man of undoubted truth and veracity, and he is a person of high respectability, and has been a member of the Legislature of the State of Kentucky from the County of Bourbon. That in the year 1818 or 1819 the said Lander detailed to this affiant his services in the army of the revolution and appeared before him then a circuit Judge for the State of Kentucky, and deposed as a witness for John Sidebotham on his Sidebothams declaration for a pension. His testimony was reduced to writing, and is now on file in the Pension office at Washington, with said Sidebothams declaration. He has often heard the said Sidebotham who is now dec'd say that said Lander was in the army, and that they messed together. He is also well acquainted with the Witness John Skinner and knows him to be a man of truth and respectability
Jas. Clark