

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Lanter S31199

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Declaration of Thomas Lanter: made this 7th day of January in the year of our Lord 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 who personally appeared before us Justices of the County Court of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky, the aforesaid Thomas Lanter aged 75 years and 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 7th 1832:

That he is 75 years of age 8th of June next, and that he was born, raised and resided in the County of Orange, State of Virginia, about 12 miles from Orange Court-House until the year 1805 when he removed to the County of Montgomery in the State of Kentucky from Montgomery he moved to the County of Madison where he now resides: That about the first of October 1775 he entered the service in the Revolutionary War as a minute-man and volunteered his services: that his first Colonel was by the name of Lawrence Tolliver [Lawrence Taliaferro], Lieutenant Colonel was by the name of Edward Stevens, that his Captain was Joseph Spencer, his Lieutenant was Ambrose Madison, his Ensign Nathaniel Welch, that he resided in the County of Orange State of Virginia at the time he entered the service: that he rendezvoused at Culpepper Court-House, State of Virginia, and thence marched to Rowland Thomas' on the great road from Orange Court-House to Fredericksburg, thence marched to Williamsburg, thence to Jamestown, thence to the big Bridge on the Elizabeth River: here at Elizabethtown the Americans and some of the British forces had an engagement [December 9, 1775, called the Battle of Great Bridge]: and he was in the battle: the British officer was called Fordice [Charles Fordyce] of the 14th Regiment: 10 or 12 of the of the enemy were wounded and taken, and a good many killed: 2 or 3 of our men were wounded: it was said the British forces were sent there by Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia]: we were then marched back to Thomas' and discharged about the first of April 1776, thinks he served six months at least on this campaign: that he then enlisted at the Big Bridge in the Army of the United States for two years under Captain Joseph Spencer and he thinks in the 7th Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by ___ Woodford, but does not know his Christian name, and McClanachan he thinks was Colonel nor does he know McClanachan's given name, his company officers were Captain Joseph Spencer, Lieutenant Garland Burnley and Ensign Nathaniel Welch, he served eleven months and was discharged in consequence of sickness, that he enlisted at the big Bridge in the County adjoining Norfolk County Virginia, that during this eleven months service he was in no battle of consequence: he marched from the big bridge to Norfolk, and was there when the Town of Norfolk was burned he was from Norfolk marched back to the Big

Bridge and through the County of Suffolk and thence to Rowland Thomas' where he was discharged in consequence of sickness: in February or March 1777.

He further states: that he thinks in the year 1778 he again entered the service as volunteer the last of March or first of April under Captain Messer of Fredericksburg, the name of any other of the officers he does not know or recollect, we were called Messer's recruits, where you rendezvoused at Fredericksburg, thence to Leesburg, in Loudoun County Virginia, thence to Frederick Town in the State of Maryland: thence to Little York, then on to Brandywine: and was there discharged: he was gone 2 months or more.

That he again entered as volunteer about the first he thinks of April in the year 1781 and again rendezvoused at said Thomas' and under the following named officers to wit, Colonel Thomas Mathews, Captain George Waw [George Waugh], Lieutenant James Jamison, Ensign John Scantling: From Thomas' we marched to old Richmond where we joined the main Army of the militia Marquis De Lafayette was here commander: we retreated for some distance, 70 or 80 miles when Wayne [Anthony Wayne] joined us at the Raccoon Ford on the Rapper-Dan-River [Rapidan River] at this time the British dispersed the general assembly then in session at Charlottesville, Albemarle County Virginia, we then pursued Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton], and drove them back to Williamsburg having an engagement at a place called Hotwater [Hot Water, June 26 1781 also known as the battle of Spencer's Tavern] between Williamsburg and James River, we were then marched back near Duncastle and were discharged between the 10th and 15th of July 1781.

Further that in the year 1777 about the first of August he volunteered and rendezvoused at Rowland Thomas' and served under the following named officers, Colonel Thomas Mathews, Captain Charles Bruce & Lieutenant Rubin Newman, does not recollect the name of the Ensign, he marched from Thomas' to Williamsburg, thence to Little York where we remained 8 or 9 weeks, stationed to guard the place, the British was in view, but after the Fleet disappeared sometime after we were marched back to Thomas' and discharged, the last of October of the same year 1777: It was said that how was aboard the British fleet: and further that he served his Country faithfully in the Revolutionary War & that he is old and very infirm: that has received several discharges, which are now lost, that he knows of no persons now living by whom he can prove his services except his sister Milley Webb and John Land, that his sister from age and infirmity is entirely unable to attend court & he is informed said Land is in the same situation: he has never seen Land since he left him in the Army, but was well acquainted with him in the revolutionary war, when he Land served in Spencer's Company: he was well and intimately acquainted with him & that the clergyman with whom he was intimately acquainted in his neighborhood with is now dead and he is acquainted with none other. 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 any agency of any State: Sworn to and subscribed the year and date aforesaid

S/ Thomas/Turner, X his mark

[William Powell, Isaac Haines, Valentine Tuden [?], John Hawkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The affidavit of John Land¹ taken at his own house in the County of Madison and State of Kentucky aged 77 years who being first sworn Saith: that he was well acquainted with Thomas Lanter who has sworn to and subscribed the annexed declaration for a pension: that said Lanter was raised in Orange County State of Virginia: and Lanter & myself were messmates in the

¹ [John Land R6112](#)

Revolutionary War, & we served in Captain Joseph Spencer's Company in Alexander McClanachan's Regiment of the Virginia Line & in Colonel Woodford's brigade: and well knows said Lanter was an enlisted man in Spencer's company and served in the revolutionary war more than 2 years and thinks he Lanter was in the service as long as Spencer's Company [word too faint to discern] which was more than three years, And further saith that he was well acquainted with Captain Waw and knows said Lanter served under Captain Waw and that said Lanter served 3 years in the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Alexander McClanachan: in William Woodford's brigade: Lanter & myself were intimately acquainted in the Revolutionary War: States that he himself has been on the pension roll for many years & is unable to attend Court.

S/ John land, X his mark

The affidavit of Milley Webb taken at her own house in the County of Madison State of Kentucky who being first sworn saith that Thomas Lanter who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration was born and raised in the County of Orange State of Virginia and there resided until he moved to the State of Kentucky where he has resided ever since: that she was born and raised in same County of Orange State of Virginia and there resided until she moved to Kentucky: that she is 77 years old and has been intimately acquainted with said Lanter from his childhood, to the present time: she well knows that said Thomas was many times in the service of the Country during the revolutionary war, that he was not more than 18 years old when he went the first campaign and that was which was called minute men, that he was there with whom he went rendezvoused at Culpepper Courthouse, that she [several words too faint to discern] at the courthouse where they rendezvoused: at that time she understood they were to be marched to Williamsburg, she well knows that said Thomas was gone near 3 months, for at the end of 3 months they had heard nothing from them. That after said Thomas got home, he remained but a short space of time, before he again entered the service & knows that Thomas and into the service under Captain Spencer who lived in Orange County: and said Thomas was gone a considerable length of time, but how long precisely she does not know: states that it was a great while: she recollects that Thomas went with an officer by the name of Waw & when Thomas returned he told me the places he had been at in different conversations they were Williamsburg, Norfolk and that he was in the battle at the Big bridge: and knows that battle was fought 9 December 1775 – she has often heard Lanter say he was at Norfolk the time the town was burned: She also knows that said Thomas rendezvoused at Rowland Thomas': She thinks Thomas started one campaign in October: and once returned home in July: and started another in August she knows that about these times said Thomas was little or no time at home but in the Service: Marquis Lafayette's road was about 1 mile and a half from where she lived and where the troops went along said Thomas was then in the campaign & that she from bodily infirmity and old age is unable to attend Court & further saith not.

S Mary Webb, X her mark

[Attested February 5, 1833 in Madison County Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 20 months in the Virginia militia.]