

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Lawrence (Laurence) S31205

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State of Kentucky Logan County: Sct.

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the circuit court of said County Thomas Lawrence of Butler County and State aforesaid aged about 71 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in Louisa County Virginia in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 and in February of that year for three years with Lieutenant George Holland a Regular Officer and served in the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded until a short time after the Battle of German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] by Colonel Charles Lewis and in a Company commanded by Captain Moses Hawkins who was afterwards killed at the said Battle of German Town. During his continuance in said Company & Regiment he acted part of the time in the capacity of Corporal and part of the time as Sergeant. He rendezvoused at one Colonel Johnson's in said County of Louisa and was from there marched to a small Town on the Maryland side of the Potomac River called Colchester and there was annocholated [sic] with the Small Pox. From thence as soon as the troops were sufficiently recovered they were marched as well as he now recollects through Alexander [Alexandria] on to Philadelphia and from there proceeded after drawing clothing &c to join the main Army under the command of General George Washington then posted somewhere near said City but the precise place not now particularly remembered. He was with Washington at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and German Town and at the latter Battle was within a few feet of his Captain the said Moses Hawkins when he was shot in the head and died instantly. After the last mentioned engagement the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment were made to compose one which was commanded by Colonel William Daviss [William Davies] and then the said Lawrence was enrolled in a company commanded by Captain John Overton. This Regiment was then attached to the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg]. After this they were detached as a reinforcement to the troops commanded by General Wayne in his Storming Stony Point [July 16, 1779] but he was not in the assault upon that place being kept in reserve and in readiness near for any emergency. Muhlenberg's brigade took charge of the Prisoners taken on that occasion. From thence they were marched and joined the main Army and it was not very long after this he was marched to Philadelphia and there his three years enlistment having expired & he having served its full term he received his regular written discharge from an officer whose name is not now recollected by the name of Christopher Febager [sic, Christian Febiger] if his name is lightly recollected, but this discharge he has lost or mislaid. He then returned to Virginia and after living there some years he moved to Mason County Kentucky & from there to Butler where he now resides.

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 of any state

whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

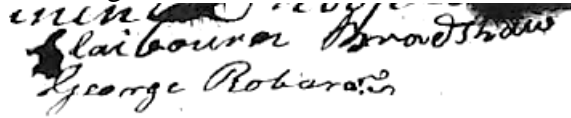
S// Thomas Lawrence, X his mark

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

We George Robards<sup>1</sup> & Claibourn Bradshaw<sup>2</sup> both as we believe of as sound mind & memory as we ever were Do Certify that Thomas Lawrence of the State of Virginia and County of Louisa in the time of the Revolutionary war, that said Lawrence did serve his Country as a soldier three years in the Regular service the said Robards says his Captain first was Moses Hawkins in the Regiment of Colonel Charles Lewis he enlisted in the year 1777 to the best of his knowledge said Robards also states that said Lawrence acted a part of his time as Sergeant towards the latter part of his service both Robards and Bradshaw was in the service at the same time with said Lawrence; both Robards & Lawrence belonged to the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Continental troops.

S/ Claibourn Bradshaw

S/ George Robards



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is for Claibourn Bradshaw and the bottom signature is for George Robards. The signatures are written over a horizontal line.

[attested in Mercer County Kentucky July 18, 1832]

Mercer County July 18, 1832

Dear Brother Soldier

I had not forgot your request of your Second Letter, I knew it would be of no use to you, as Congress was so long, on the subject, of the pension bill, at last they have pertermend [sic, determined?] in what way we are to proceed, this is the Delay [?] of War has pointed the moade [mode?] we are to prosed [proceed], I should suppose you Representative from your Disstrack [District] has furnished the District with the instructions from the war Department. I have sent you the certificates of myself & Mr. Bradshaw, with the best of our knowledge to the service you performed which was 3 years; now I well informed you how we had to proceed, In the 1<sup>st</sup> place have you got a register of your age. I have got my father's register when was you born by that register August 5, 1760, how old are you not quite 72: when did you go in the service, February 4<sup>th</sup> 1777, who did listed [enlisted] you Lieutenant George Holland for how long 3 years what Captain Moses Hawkins whose Regiment 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continental who commanded it Colonel Charles Lewis is from Albemarle County Virginia, what office did you hold I then told all the different officers I held, then I went on to tell the others services I performed what others services did you do in the service of the United States. In 1780, I was order [ordered] to South Carolina for six months, to serve the Country what officers did you hold, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant what Regiment 4<sup>th</sup>, who commanded it Colonel Lucas, did you serve any other Tower yes: who with General Marquis Lafayette; how long about 2 months, where did you leave him at Racknoco ford [Raccoon Ford] Orange County, did you hold any offices yes 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant is your witness present, yes – here they were sworn is this the same George Robards that is present, yes, & has performed the service he is stated yes, now my Dr. Brother you see I cannot answer that you are the present Dental [sic, identical?] Thomas Lawrence, who live in Butler County you must be present for me to identify you are the same man, Colonel Buford is living if you think the certificate will do you, can try them, I have inquired about your Brother I cannot hear what is

<sup>1</sup> [George Robards \(Roberts\) S31339](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Claibourn \(Claburn\) Bradshaw W8394](#)

become of him.

I am D. Brother Soldier with the highest  
Esteem until we live in this world  
S/ George Robards

Albemarle County July 1<sup>st</sup> 1832

Dear Brother Soldier I had not forgot your request of your  
second letter, I know it would be of no use to you, as Congress  
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I have sent you the certificates of my self & W. Brashaw, with  
the best of our knowledge to the Service you performed whether  
3 years; now I will inform you how we had to proceed, In the  
1<sup>st</sup> place have you got a register of your age. I have got my fathers Register  
when was you born by that Register Aug 5. 1760, how old are you not  
just 72: when did you go in the service. Feb 14 1777, who did list you  
Lt George Holland for how long 3 years what Captain Messrs Handers, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Regiment 14 Virginia Continental who commanded it Col Charles Lewis of  
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Morgan dea falling, how long about 2 months, where did leave him  
at Blackmoresport Orange County, did you hold any officers yes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt  
is your name present, you here thing; they were sworn is this the same  
George Robards that is present. yes. I has performed the Service he is  
stated, How many Brothers you see I cannot assure that you are the same  
Dental Thomas Lawrence, who live in Butler County you must be present  
for me to canlyfy you are the same man, Col. Buford is living if you think  
the coolly will do you, can try them, I have inquired about your Brother I  
cannot hear what is become of him I am D Brother Soldier with the highest  
Esteem until we live in this world  
George Robards

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 3 years in the Virginia service.]