

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lochridge [Lockridge] S31218

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State of Kentucky Montgomery County SS

On this first day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the hon [sic, Honorable] Justices of the County Court of Montgomery now sitting John Lockridge resident in Montgomery County & State of Kentucky aged 70 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 act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He states that he was born in Augusta County Virginia in the year 1762 in the month of October. He states that he went into the service in the year 1781 spring or last of the winter under Captain Tilford Colonel McDowell I think Lt. Col. for a term of three months as a drafted militia man, rendezvoused at Lexington he states he was still under Captain Tilford. We then commenced our march to South Carolina to join General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army and joined the Army under Green in North Carolina. We marched on the next day to Guilford Courthouse. And we arrived at the place and the 2nd day after our arrival we fought the British which is known by the name of the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] from which place we retreated back into the country he thinks the battle took place in the year 1781 in March: We were sometime detained in the country and we were ordered to return home, there having been more militia than their officers thought necessary. Captain Tilford's Company to which I belonged accordingly commenced our march back to Richmond to Rockbridge County, and received a discharge for three months having been out more than that time. The next was a draft to go down to York Town for a tour of three months longer under Captain Eliot [Elliott], rendezvoused in same County and continued our march to York Joined by many troops from different parts of the Colonies to assist in subduing the British Army under the command of Lord Cornwallis. We however marched on until we had nearly arrived at the place and learned of Wallis's surrender [October 19, 1781]. We did not proceed immediately back having been detained sometime in the neighborhood of Williamsburg. We then marched back to the place from whence we set out he states that he was regularly discharged by an officer [whose] name he has forgotten for three months making in all a term of six months of actual service. He states that he moved to Kentucky in the year 1782 the County of Fayette and from thence to Montgomery County & have lived here ever since. He states he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his services. He states he has a record of his age and his age is as he has stated in his declaration. He states he has lost all his

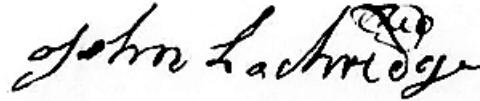
discharges.

He hereby relinquishes all and every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ M. Harrison, Clerk M. C. C.

S/ John Lochridge

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lochridge". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ John Lochridge".

[Henry Darnall, a clergyman, and Benjamin Robison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 3: On October 23, 1846 in Sangamon County Illinois, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefits to the Illinois agency giving as his reason for removing from Kentucky to Illinois as follows: "The following are his reasons for removing from Kentucky to Illinois. To wit, That he might the better provide and settled a large family of children who came with him. He having sold all his interest in property there and also has lost the Partner of his bosom He has purchased real estate in this State and settled with his children all of whom reside in this State."

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]