

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Lard (Laird) S32369

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State of George, Clark [sic, Clarke] County

On the Eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred & thirty three Robert Lard [sic], a resident of Clarke County and State of Georgia aged ninety years, states, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by act of Congress passed June 7, 1832:

That he entered the service of his country as a private in the year 1775 with Capt. Nance [Peter Nance] and served in the militia under the following officers, Capt. Peter Nance, Col. Michael Dickson in the State of South Carolina. The name of the district in not recollected. I served at that time eight weeks. The expedition was against the Tories.

I again entered into service in 1778 as 1st Lieutenant of a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Benjamin Kilgore in Ninety Six District South Carolina and served three months and lost a very valuable mare. Col. Andrew Pickens was commander of the Regiment to which I belonged. The expedition was against the Indians.

In 1779 I was elected Captain of a militia company in Col. James Williams' Regiment and stationed on the line of the state of Georgia to prevent the incursions of the Indians and remained at that Station six months. We had no engagement.

During the time Genl. Greene [Nathanael Greene] was at Ninety Six I think in 1780¹ I was Capt. of a company of Militia in that District and was engaged during his (Genl. Greene's stay) in receiving the submissions of the Tories and conveying them to Genl. Greene. Col. James Williams was still Commander of the Regiment.² We had no engagement during that time but after Genl. Greene left Ninety Six I was sent as commander of a company of mounted infantry to the line of the State and continued there until the end of the war about the end of 1781.

I was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in the year 1742. I have no record of my age but know it by information from my parents and relatives. I lived in South Carolina when I entered the service and continued there until the end of the War. I removed from thence to Clarke County and have lived here ever since.

I never was drafted but always served voluntarily.

¹ Greene's siege of Ninety Six occurred from May 21, 1781-June 19, 1781, not 1780 as recalled by the applicant.

² The applicant is clearly mistaken in this recollection as James Williams died on October 8, 1780 from wounds sustained the previous day at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

I never received any discharge as the Col. of my Regiment was also killed at King's Mountain and his successor³ was also killed by the Tories in Ninety Six Dist.

I received a commission through Col. Williams. I think from Gov. Rutledge but it has been long lost.

Archibald Henderson⁴ who served under me can prove my service and the truth of my declaration.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Robert Lard, his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court on the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Ligon, Clerk

[John C. Wright, clergyman, and William Dicken gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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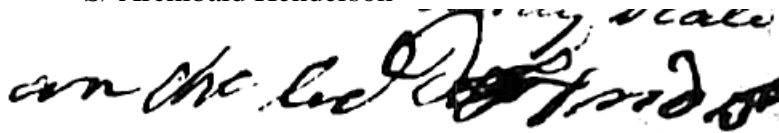
Georgia, Clarke County

Personally appeared before me Archibald Henderson, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he has been acquainted with Robert Lard the Declarant in the above application for Sixty years past, that I served under him for some time during the war of the Revolution and I know that he performed the service stated in his declaration -- and that he now resides in Clarke County State of Georgia.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Ligon, Clerk

S/ Archibald Henderson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Archibald Henderson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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Georgia, Clarke County

Personally came before me Robert Lard & after being duly sworn makes the following additions to his declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of 7th of June 1832. That he entered the Service of his Country under General Greene in August 1781 instead of the year 1780 as set forth in his declaration & that his services as Captain under General Greene continued 16 months.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 7th February 1834.

S/ Robert Lard, X his mark

S/ Isma W. Wooldridge, JIC

[p 39: John C. Wright, a clergyman, and William Dicken gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 45: Finding dated May 11, 1835 by the clerk of court of Clarke County Georgia that Robert Laird [sic] died March 17, 1834 and "that he left no widow, that all the children except William and Elizabeth to whom the pension is bequeathed by the said Robert Laird [sic], all removed

³ Reference is to Joseph Hayes who was killed by William Cunningham and his Tory militia in November 1781 at Hayes Station. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_hayes_station.html

⁴ [Archibald Henderson R4866](#)

Duty as Captain per a/c [audited accounts] from Commissioners
Principal £36.17.10 Annual Interest £2.11.7]

[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 3822 Book X issued 26 September 1786 to Robert Lard, for £11.5/Sterling for Duty as Lieutenant of horse per account passed by the Commissioners with an annual interest of £0.15.9.]

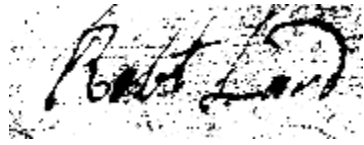
[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I acknowledge to have Received the within of John Harth as witness my hand November 18,
1785

Witness

S/ Basil Holland

S/ Robt. Lard



South Carolina Audited Accounts relating to Robert Leard/Laird
Audited Account No. 4477

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No. 53

[Book] W]

[No.] 553

20 full August 1785

Mr. Robert Laird his account of Militia duty as Captain since, and previous to the reduction of Charlestown, amounting to

Currency £258.5.0

Also a Horse lost

in do. service 126.0.0

£384.5.0

Stg. £54.17.10 ¼

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by Thompson Whitehurst]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina to Robert Laird

Dr.

Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant Currency

£258.5.0

A Horse lost per Do.

126.0.0

£384.5.0

Stg. £54.17.10 ¼

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State of South Carolina to Captain Robert Laird

Dr.

For 1 Mare lost in an expedition against the Indians

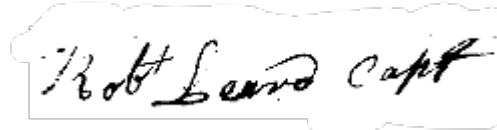
appraised on oath by Roger Brown and James Hanna to £126
Before me S/ Robert Hanna JP Capt. Laird made oath that the above appraised
Mare was Lost as above Mentioned which horse was Actually Ordered into the field & that he
never Got the said Mare nor Any pay for her. Sworn the 21st of May 1783
before me S/ Robert Anderson, JP

State of South Carolina

Nintey Countey [sic, Ninety Six District] Mr. Blak & Bocate Treasurers

Gentlemen be so Kind as to give my indent and special indents to
the bearer Robert hana & his Receipt shall be your Discharge as witness my hand this 26th Day
of September 1785

S/ Robt Leard Capt.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robt Leard Capt". The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box with a dashed border.

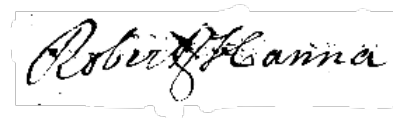
I Do hereby certify that the above named Capt. Robert Lard Did Signe the above order to the
above named Robert hana before me this 26th Day of September 1785

S/ James Montgomery, JP

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Rec'd 20 full August 85 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 553 Book W by virtue of
an Order

S/ Robert Hanna

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Hanna". The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box with a dashed border.