

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Lawler S32372

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State of Indiana Jefferson County: Sct.

On this 12 day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Probate Court of the County aforesaid now sitting, Nicholas Lawler aged 89 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 June 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private in the month of September 1777 in Fauquier County Virginia where he then resided, under command of Captain James Winn – that he marched northward through Maryland through Frederick town having crossed the Potomac [River] at Noland's ferry and joined Colonel Edmonds Regiment – somewhere in Maryland he cannot tell precisely at which parish and having been absent some days he was discharged and was allowed in his discharge for three months service, and returned home. That he was again drafted in April 1787 in the same County (Fauquier Virginia) marched to Petersburg Virginia and thence towards Charleston South Carolina with the view of aiding in the defense of that City and marched almost in sight of Charleston South Carolina and the enemy having left that City – marched back to Virginia and was discharged near Bowling Green not far from Williamsburg Virginia having been absent and obtained a discharge for three months and returned home. That in the last of July or first of August 1781 he was again drafted in the County of Fauquier Virginia marched to Yorktown where he was when Cornwallis surrendered October 17, 1781 [sic, October 19, 1781], thence he went with a portion of the prisoners to Winchester Virginia. That from the time he entered the service as just mentioned until his returning home was more than three months. That he served in 1778 under Captain Leonard Sharpe and Captain Armistead Churchill. That in 1781 he served under Captain Winn and Colonel Edmunds. That the whole length of his service exceeded nine months. That he served as a private. That he received a discharge each time but that a short time after the close of the War his house was casually burnt by which he lost his discharges. That he has no knowledge of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and that he has no documentary evidence. He hereby relinquishes all claim 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.

He is acquainted with a clergyman who could certify and did when he made application last fall but he could not at this time procure his attendance at court.¹

¹ There is no other application in this file.

S/ Nicholas Lawler, X his mark

1st In Northumberland County Virginia in the year 1743 on the 10th of September

2nd. I have a record of my age now in my possession.

3rd. In Fauquier County Virginia when called into the service said each time and until the year 1817 when I removed to Kentucky where I remained until 3 years ago I came to Jefferson County Indiana where I now reside.

4th. I was drafted each time, and was not a substitute.

5th. I cannot state the names of any Regular Officers who were with the troops during the 2 first tours. He cannot name any Continental or militia regiments. The general circumstances of my service are stated in the foregoing declaration to which the court is respectfully referred. During the 3rd tour I recollect the following officers to have been with the troops Colonel Elias Edmonds, General Marquis de Lafayette and General George Washington & Captain Leonard Sharpe.

6th. I received 3 discharges the first from Colonel William Edmonds the 2nd from Colonel Francis Triplett and the 3rd from Colonel Elias Edmonds, which were all casually burnt as detailed in the foregoing declaration.

7th. Willis Sullivan, Benjamin Fewel, John Duffy, Captain McCarty, William Lage [?], Benjamin Van horn, James Griffey and many others.

[Benjamin Fewel and James Griffey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 15 days in the Virginia militia.]