

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Larence (Lawrence) S32373

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State of Indiana Hendricks County} SS

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared before me Samuel Jessup the sole Judge of the Probate Court of the County aforesaid and State aforesaid, Isaac Lawrence [sic] a resident of Washington Township in the County of Hendricks and State of Indiana aged Sixty nine 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, he states that his field officers name was Col. Williams [James Williams], his Company officer name was William Goodwin, Capt. there were other officers Col. Taylor [Thomas Taylor?] and Major Blwford he entered the service in the first or second day of June in the year 1780 and he states that he left the service sometime in the month of November in the year 1780 he states he was in a battle with Col. Williams fighting the Tories in South Carolina on Enoree River he states that they killed about two hundred Tories and about twenty five or thirty of the Whigs were killed, and he states that they took about fifty six Tories prisoners, he thinks that when he entered the service of the United States that he resided in South Carolina, Camden District he volunteered into the service aforesaid under William Goodwin he states that he was marched up Saluda River thence a cross Enoree River to Mustgraves Mill [Musgrove's Mill, August 19, 1780]<sup>1</sup> there found a company of Tories, then were attached by Capt. Goodwin to Col. Williams and then had a battle with the Tories as aforesaid, then were guarding the fifty six prisoners and marched them to General Smallwood's [William Smallwood's] Army – and then went with Smallwood to Hillsborough [North Carolina].<sup>2</sup> Then were ordered to Richmond in the State of Virginia and through Fredericksburg to Albemarle Barracks in Albemarle County and was there discharged in the month of November by Smallwood – has since lost the same, after having served four months and fifteen days as well as he can recollect now.

This affiant says that he has lived in the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana and am now living in the State of Indiana & [indecipherable word or words]

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_musgroves\\_mill.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_musgroves_mill.html) This site gives the date of the engagement at Musgrove's Mill as being August 18, 1780, but from the description of events given by various veterans of that engagement, it is clear to me that the engagement occurred on August 19, 1780.

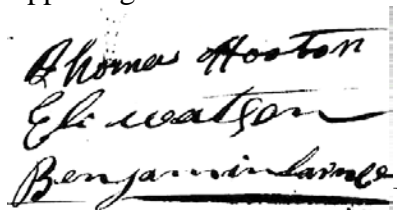
<sup>2</sup> Actually, at that time, Genl. Horatio Gates was still in command of the Southern Division of the Continental Army located at Hillsborough.

And he states that he went to the State of Maryland after he was discharged as aforesaid to Washington County now Hagerstown, and in about two weeks after his arrival he was drafted into the service of the United States. In the month of November or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of said month as well as he now recollects in the year 1780 under Capt. Josiah Price and Benjamin Crumwell [Benjamin Cromwell?] Lieutenant and was marched to Fort Frederick in the State of Maryland and there was detained to guard prisoners, about five months and twenty days. And then was ordered to Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania to exchange Prisoners under Capt. Josiah Price and Lieutenant Benjamin Crumwell and was there discharged after having served six months and nineteen days by Captain Price his officer. He states that he was discharged in the month of April about the 29<sup>th</sup> day in the year 1781 and served in all one year as above stated as well as he now recollects and his discharge from Colonel Bluford and Captain Price has lost them and he states that he has lost his discharges and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He states that the persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are Thomas Hooton a clergyman, Benjamin Lawrence and Eli Watson. He says that he was born in the State of North Carolina in the year 1764. He states he has a record of his age in his [possession?] which I took from Father's Family Bible before his death. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll or agency of any State.

S/ Isaac Larence



[Thomas Hooton, a clergyman, and Benjamin Lawrence and Eli Watson gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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State of Indiana, Boone County

On a this Eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord 1846, personally appeared in open court before the court of probate for the County of Boone in the state of Indiana, Isaac Lawrence, a resident of the said County of Boone in the state of Indiana aged Eighty-four 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

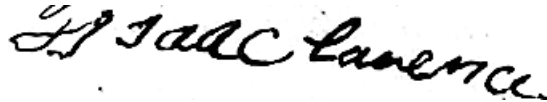
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1779 under Captain Goodwin of the regulars of South Carolina and resided at the time in Camden district in South Carolina. In ten days after was detached to Colonel Williams of the Militia of North Carolina under the appointment of Lieutenant by Colonel Williams and then he traveled to Broad River above Camden to General Smallwood's Brigade and from thence was sent to guard the prisoners to Albemarle in Virginia under Colonel Miller and in August 1780 was discharged on furlough for

10 days and then detached to Captain Josiah Prices company and under Colonel Hart of the militia of Maryland and then he traveled to Fort Frederick in Maryland and detained for six months and from thence he traveled with Captain Price to Philadelphia and from defense with Captain Price to Canagocheag [?] in Maryland and from thence he went under Captain Price and Colonel Hart to haul flour with Captain Price's team from Potomac Mills to Georgetown in Maryland and to Richmond and Fredericksburg in Virginia. He then left the Captain Price's team and went with Captain Price under Colonel Rochester with the volunteers to Hagerstown in Maryland in order to go to kingsmountain to join Washington's army there, and the news came to Hagerstown the day before he reached that place that they would not be needed and from thence with Captain Price back to Canagocheag and took possession of the same team again and continued hauling in the service of the Un him ited States until the close of the war. He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who could testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, or, if any, only on that of the agency of the state of Indiana.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Isaac Larence



1. Question of the court: where and in what year were you born?

Answer of Applicant: I was born in Camden district in South Carolina in the year 1762.

2<sup>nd</sup> Q: Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

A: I was living in Camden district in South Carolina when called into service. Since the war I lived in Westmoreland County in Pennsylvania. I then moved to the forks of the Potomac in Virginia from thence to Mason County in Kentucky and from thence to Hendricks County Indiana and now live in Boone County Indiana.

[3<sup>rd</sup> Q omitted]

4<sup>th</sup> Q.: How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for them?

A: I volunteered my services.

5<sup>th</sup> Q: State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

A: I have heretofore stated the names of the regular offices as near as I can recollect in my declaration. In a short time after I volunteered I was in a two-days scrimmage or battle at Musgrove's Mill in South Carolina under Col. Williams [James Williams] and was in no battle afterwards during my service but previous to the date stated in the foregoing Declaration when I volunteered intending to go during the War, I was from [age] fourteen years Old in frequent scrimmages with the Tories.

6<sup>th</sup> Q: Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A: I received a discharge from Colonel Hart in Hagerstown in the state of Maryland after the wagons were discharged. After the close of the war, I kept it until after I was married in the state of Pennsylvania and did not expect it to be of any service to me. In moving about from one place to another, [I] lost it or I do not know what has become of it.

7<sup>th</sup> Q: Did you ever receive a commission; and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

A: I never received my commission. Colonel Williams after the battle at Musgrove's Mills gave me the appointment of Lieutenant and sent on for my commission but I was sent away and never received it.

7<sup>th</sup> Q [sic]: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief in your service as a soldier of the revolution.

A: I came to this county last spring and am living with my son here, and know of no person that was acquainted with me previous to my coming to this County except Robert Cunningham and my son, John A. Lawrence, & John M. Burns.

[Robert Cunningham, 52, and James M Burns gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Boone and State of Indiana Isaac Lawrence who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, with the different officers but according to the best of his recollection he served in all not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For 2 years I served as Lieutenant, For 2 years and 7 months I served as a private making a period of 4 years and 7 months during which time I was not employed in any civil pursuit other than in the service of the United States, and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Isaac Lawrence

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37 10 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Maryland, North Carolina and South Carolina militia for 11 months and 4 days.]