

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Elijah Lankford S34953

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State of Maryland

Somerset County Sct.

On this sixteenth Day of April Anno Domini 1818 Before me the Subscriber an Associate Judge of the fourth Judicial District of the State afs'd. personally appears Elijah Lankford of Somerset County and State afs'd. aged sixty six years who being by me first duly sworn, according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, Entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War." That he the said Elijah Lankford enlisted in Salisbury in Somerset County State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Capt. John Gunby of the second Maryland Regiment. That he enlisted in 1776 and continued in the said Corps, or in the Service of the U. States until about the year 1781 or 1782 when he was discharged from service in Morris Town [Morristown] in the State of New Jersey. That He was in the Battle of the White plains [28 Oct 1776] at the Narrows York Island [probably 25 Jun 1776], at Brunswick [1 Dec 1776], at Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Staten Island [22 Aug 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – German Town [Germantown 4 Oct 1777] – Monmouth Court House Jersey [28 Jun 1778]. That he was one selected from his Company to storm Stoney Point under Gen. Wane [sic: Stony Point under Anthony Wayne, 16 Jul 1779], and finally that he was at the Battle of Little York [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. with a number of skirmishes &c That he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support. That he gave up his Discharge to the Hon'l. John Henry while a Senator in Congress from Maryland, and never had it returned to him and that he has no other evidence than what is hereto annexed. This Deponent further saith that he was well acquainted with a certain William Hillman [pension application W4230] who enlisted about the same time in the same Company and Regiment and continued in the Service during nearly the whole war.

State of Maryland, Somerset County To wit

On this second day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty, personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for the said County Elijah Lankford aged Sixty Seven years and two months, resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows; he enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. John Gunby in the second Regiment of the Maryland line as heretofore stated in the original declaration made in April 1818 as well as recollected, but does not distinctly recollect, and that he has received a pension, and now has a certificate in his possession from the Hon'le the Secretary of War dated on the 11th day of January 1819 Number 5264. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of Property Real & personal

1 Horse in possession but not paid for

3 old Sheep and two Lambs 1 sow and 2 pigs and five small shoats, 6 old flag Bottom chairs 3 Cows and 2 Calves 1 Plough and 1 hanan[?] and 1 old cart. 3 hoes, 2 axes, 1 Iron wedge 1 old saddle and

Bridle 1 gun (old) 2 old Iron pots, 1 old Iron oven 1 old Skillet 1 old spider ½ doz knives and forks
pair mettal spoons & flesh forks and some old trumpery and a pension from the state of Maryland for
Revolutionary services amounting to forty dollars pr year

Elijah Lankford

The occupation of the declarant is that of a Labourer unable to do much in consequence of having his leg
broken a few years ago, by reason whereof he has become very infirm. The family of the declarant, who
reside with him consists of his wife Hannah aged nearly sixty years infirm, and unable to contribute
much to her own support, his son William in the 16th year of his age, and able to support himself – one
daughter Matilda aged 27 years, and resides about one third of her time with the declarant, and able to
support herself and that previous to receiving the small pension from the State of Maryland and the
pension which he has received from the United States he was supported in part by the charitable
assistance of his neighbours

Elijah Lankford