

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Lester (Lister) of Virginia S35518 f21VA
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4th Judicial District
State of Kentucky Gallatin County Sct.

On this 12th day of April 1826 personally appeared in open court of record for the County and Circuit of Gallatin of unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount and proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law with power to fine and imprison. Thomas Lester aged Sixty nine years who being just duly Sworn according to law on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefits of the provisions made by the acts of Congress 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May in 1820. That he the said Thomas Lister enlisted some time in the year 1780 at the Town of Alexandria and state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Hawkins in the Regiment Commanded by Colnl. James Campbell in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment and that he continued to serve in the said corps for the full and complete Term of Eighteen months and that he was discharged from the said service in the state of North Carolina, that he was in several small skirmishes while in said Regiment, and that he was wounded at the Battle of Guiford [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] by the cut of a broad Sword by which he had lost the Entire use of three fingers on his left hand. That he was also in the battle German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] but was at that [time] in the volunteer service and that he was unable to procure any Evidence of his said services except the accompanying affidvit [affidavit] of John Lister, And I do most s'lemnly [solemnly] swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 15th day of March 1818. And that I have not since that time, by gift sale or any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish the same so as to being myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & 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, security, contracts, or debts due to me nor have I any income or securities whatever other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed

To wit

	Five head of cattle of the value of	\$17.00
To wit	one old horse of the value of	\$10.00
	Twelve head of hog of the value of	12.00
	One plough and gear of the value of	3.00
	Cooking utensils of the value of	<u>10.00</u>
	Making in all the amount of - - - - -	\$52.--

He is too old and feeble to labor for a support and asks the assistance of his country. He is by occupation a farmer and has one son living with him the one about sixteen and a daughter of the age of eighteen years.

his
Thomas X Lister
Mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open court this
13th day of April 1826. Henry Davidge Presiding Judge of
The Gallatin Circuit Court.

The affidavit of John Lister made in open court on the 12th day Of April 1826 at the county and Circuit aforesaid. This affiant being first duly sworn saith that the within named Thomas Lister who has made application for a pension is the younger brother of this affiant. That this affiant well recollects that the said Thomas Lister enlisted in the service of the United States sometime in the year 1780 in the Company of Capt. John Hawkins and in regiment under the command of Colnl. James Campbell, he is also well convinced that he served in the same regiment fully eighteen months he was himself in the Battle of Guilford where he met with his brother and well recollects that he was wounded in the manner stated in the foregoing declaration and further saith not.

His
John Lester
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open court this 13th day of April 1826

Henry Davidge Presiding
Judge of the Gallatin circuit court.

J William Winslow clerk of the Gallatin circuit court do herby certify that the foregoing oath and the scheduled here to annexed are truly copied from the record of the said court and I. [Digital image of this document ends here in the HeritageQuest.com version.]

January 26, 1939

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BA-J/ MCS

Thomas Lester, S.35518

Noah Harbour,3.8673

Mrs. George J. Champion
1205 Frazier Street
Baldwin Park, California
Dear Madam,

Reference is made to your request for information relative to revolutionary war soldiers. Elijah and Noah Harbour, James, John and Samuel Lapsley and Thomas Lester.

Because of the large number of requests for the records of revolutionary war soldiers and the lack of clerical force available for furnishing such information, it has been impossible to reply in full with requests similar to yours. You are furnished herein, the record of Thomas Lester of Gallatin county, Kentucky and the record of the only Noah Harbor that is found in the revolutionary war records of this office.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, 3.35518, based on the military service of Thomas Lester or Lister.

The data and place of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted at Alexandria, Virginia, sometime in 1760 and served eighteen months in captain John Hawkins' company in colonel James Campbell's Virginia regiment, was in several skirmishes and during the battle of Guilford court house he was wounded in the left hand by the cut of a broadsword. He also was in the battle of Germantown but gave no details of this enlistment.

Thomas Lester or Lister was allowed pension on his application executed April 12, 1826, at which time he was sixty nine years of age and was living in Gallatin county Kentucky.

In 1862, Thomas Lester or Lister was referred to as Thomas Lester, Senior. In this year he stated that his wife was between forty and fifty years of age and he referred to his daughter aged eighteen years, his son aged about sixteen years, two grandchildren who were orphans aged seven and four years, and a nephew. He gave no names other than that of the nephew, James Lester. In 1826, John

Lester made an affidavit in Gallatin country, Kentucky, that he well remembered that his younger brother, Thomas, was wounded during the battle of Guilford court house and that he himself was in said battle. There are no further data relative to the family of Thomas Lester or Lister

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, s. 8673. Based on the military service of Noah Harbour.

He was born October 23, 1757. The place of his birth and the James of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted in Halifax County, Virginia, in April or May, 1776, and served six months as private in Captain James Turner's company in Colonel Lewis Virginia regiment. He enlisted April 26, 1781, and under Major Rose of the Virginia troops and was at the siege of Ninety Six.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 25, 1832, while a resident of Halifax County, Virginia. He was living there in 1843 with Post office at Halifax Court House.

There are no data relative to the family of Noah Harbour.

Very Truly Yours,
A. D. Hiller
Executive Assistant
to the administrator

[Note: the following was added by Will Graves from the Fold3.com version of this file]

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky Gallatin County & Circuit Sct.

4th Judicial District –

On this 25th day of November in the year while Lord 1826 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for the County and Circuit aforesaid of unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount and proceeding according to the course of Common law with power to find and in prison, Thomas Lester Senior resident in said County aged sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to a former declaration made on the 12th day of April 1826 in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, And the first of May 1820, that he the said Thomas Lester enlisted for the term of 18 months on the __ day of __ in the year 1780 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Hawkins in the Regiment commanded by Col. James Campbell in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the __ day of __ 1781 when he was discharged from the service in __ County in the State of North Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except Kentucky and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz. That he has always been a hard laboring person and did not know the laws of Congress upon the subject, and being ignorant and uninformed, generally staying at home laboring hard so far as he was able to support himself and that he was not informed what steps to pursue until a few months past when he was informed by a certain James Lester a nephew of he is that if he would take the proper steps and could obtain the proper evidence to support his claim that he might obtain a pension under the laws of

Congress and that very shortly after receiving the said information, he applied and made declaration bearing date the 12th of April last in the aforesaid Gallatin Circuit Court, which declaration has been sent on to the War Department and that no final decision half as yet been had on his case as he hath been informed and verily believes. And in pursuance of the Act of first of May 1820, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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

To wit	one horse age 21 years of the value of	\$10.00
	two cows and 2 calves of the value of	14.00
	four hogs of the value each \$2	8.00
	One ax of the value of	2.50
	One Old plow	1.50
	Two old Hoes	1.00
	Household & Kitchen furniture	5.00
	One Old Bridle	.50
	Plow Geer made of Rope	.25
	Ten or Twelve fowls	1.00
	One Iron Widge	.75
	Cash in hand	.25
	Debts Owing to me	<u>2.00</u>
	Total Amount	\$46.50

That since the 18th day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property. I have sold one steer for which I got the sum of \$10, And one cow for which I got the sum of \$6, The proceeds of which I applied to the support of myself and family. That I have neither sold or diminished, disposed of any other estate either real or personal since the 18th of March 1818 except what I have raised and used for the support of my family –

That I am too old, feeble and decrepit to labor for my Support any longer, and ask him the assistance of my Country. I am by occupation a farmer, and I have one son living with me of the age of 16 years and one daughter of the age of 18 years, one Grand child age 7 years and one aged 4 years both Orphans together with my wife, who is between 40 and 50 years of age a very weak and sickly woman and not able to support herself by labor.

S/ Thomas Lester, X his mark

The Affidavit of John Lester made in Open Court on the 25th day of November 1826 at the County and Circuit aforesaid. The affiant being first duly sworn saith That the foregoing named Thomas Lester who has made application for a pension is the Younger brother of the Affiant and well recollects that the said Thomas Lester enlisted in the service of the United States sometime in the year of 1780 in the Company of Captain John Hawkins and in the Regiment of Col. James Campbell and that he verily believes that the said Thomas Lester served in the same Regiment for the eighteen months that he was himself in the battle at Guilford Court house as a volunteer in the Virginia militia And that during the battle he went with his brother and well recollects that he was wounded in the manner stated in the foregoing declaration. And that his said brother ever since he received the wound in the battle aforesaid lost the entire use of the three first fingers on his left hand. And that his said brother hath not had the

ownership or possession of any other property that is described in the foregoing Schedule, subscribed and sworn to by his said brother Thomas Lester.

S/ John Lester, X his mark

Gallatin Circuit Court Sct.

The affidavit of John Short¹ made in Open Court on the 25th day of November 1826 in the County and Circuit aforesaid

This Affiant being first duly sworn saith that he was a private soldier during a part of the Revolutionary War in a Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment commanded by Col. James Campbell and in Captain Simon Morgan's Company, that he was at the barracks in Chesterfield County in Virginia that he marched from there with the said Company to Guilford Courthouse in the State of North Carolina and arrived on the battleground on the 2nd or 3rd day after the battle fought there between the Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene] and the British Army and that he continued in service until the full time that he had enlisted for was fully ended and completed when he obtained an Honorable discharge in the Town of Salsberry [Salisbury] in the State of North Carolina that during the time he was in service he does not recollect to have been personally acquainted with Thomas Lester who now makes application for a pension but he does verily believe that the said Thomas Lester was with this Affiant in the aforesaid Regiment commanded by Colonel James Campbell during the time that the said Regiment was in Virginia from many circumstances which have been related to this Affiant by the said Thomas Lester And which circumstances were personally known to this Affiant And that the said Thomas Lester was wounded in said Battle of Guilford Courthouse And that he has no doubt remaining on his mind but that the declaration made by the said Thomas Lester in order to obtain a pension under the laws of the United States are substantially true & correct

S/ John Short, X his Mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 26, 1826, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [John Short S37386](#)