

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Laughlin S36682

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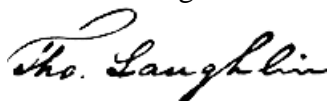
Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension list under the Act of the 18th of March 1818
County of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry: SS [State of Louisiana]

On this 13th day of May 1826 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of record for the fifth judicial district of the State of Louisiana Thomas Laughlin resident in said County aged sixty-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Thomas Laughlin enlisted for the term of three years on the first of November 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Richard Stevens, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Stevens in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 14th of February 1780, when he was discharged from the service in Middlebrook in the state of New Jersey: 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 Virginia: and that the following all the reasons for not making application earlier for a pension. Because he was not apprised of the existence of the law granting pensions until about three years since and was then informed that it was necessary to have the written discharge of the Commanding general that he was unable to procure and therefore forbore making any application until the present time.

And in pursuance of the act of the 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 – that since the 18th of March 1818 no changes have been made in my property – that my occupation is that of making loom harness and weaving slays, which is attended with difficulty and interruption – that I have two daughters living with me, one aged about fourteen and the other four years of age.

Sworn to and declared on the 13th day of May 1826

S/ Thos. Laughlin



Schedule of property of Thomas Laughlin

One horse and saddle valued at thirty dollars

\$30

S/ Tho. Laughlin

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 13, 1826, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]