

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lane S38124

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Original Claim

District of Virginia to wit

On this 2nd day of March 1824 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County of Charlotte, William Lane aged 70 years 10th Instant, And a Resident in the aforesaid County of Charlotte, 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 first of May 1820, that he the said William Lane enlisted for the term of one year about the 5th day of October in the year 1775 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Robert Ballard in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Epps [probably Francis Eppes], in the line of the state of Virginia, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until October 1776 – when he was discharged from the said service in __ in the state of Virginia, that he was in the Battle of Long Bridge [Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775], when Fordice [Charles Fordyce] was killed and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

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, to wit, Three head of cattle, 16 hogs & 5 sheep.

That he is a farmer by occupation But possesses but little ability to pursue it that his family consists of 3 children to wit, Sally born 10th of January 1779, Bestsey [sic, Betsey?] born 25th January 1781, Easter [sic, Easter or Esther ?] born 1786, And that they are unable to contribute but little to his support and makes oath that he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ William Lane, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 2nd, 1824, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line.]