

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Lawson S38127

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At a Court held for Charlotte County in the State of Virginia the 7th day of June 1819 Benjamin Lawson came into court and made the following declaration on oath 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 Benjamin Lawson enlisted for the term of three years on 24th day of September 1777 in the Town of Portsmouth in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Murray who resigned in a few days after said enlistment and was succeeded in the Command by Captain Samuel Eddins of the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps during the term aforesaid at the Expiration he reenlisted in the same Regiment and continued to serve until in the fall of the year 1782 when he was discharged from the service at Ashley ferry near Charleston in the State of South Carolina, That he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] which was the only battle that the Regiment was engaged in while he was attached to it, He further states that his hearing was very much impaired while he was in the service which is thought to have been occasioned by the firing of Cannon, and that he is infirm and in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his possession of his said services.

Wm Morton being sworn saith that he is well acquainted with the said Lawson and that he is in reduced circumstances.

Whereupon it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Benjamin Lawson did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the Common Enemy on Continental Establishment and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

It is Ordered that these proceedings be transmitted to the Secretary of the War Department.

[Attested by the clerk of court of Charlotte County Virginia June 21, 1819]

I do hereby certify that in the year 1780, when Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Artillery was on their march to the South, that during their stay in the City of Richmond, I saw Benjamin Lawson in the Ranks, in uniform as a Soldier doing duty, in the said Regiment at several different times.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of June 1819

S/ Joel Watkins

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 7th, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Council Chamber 11th March 1784

I do certify that Benjamin Lawson is entitled to the Proportion of land allowed a private of the Continental line for 3 years service.

S/ Thomas Meriwether

S/ Benjamin Harrison

A Warrant for 100 acres issued to Benjamin Lawson 12th March 1784 (Wt. 2760.)

A true copy of the Record of the Virginia Land office

S/ illegible signature

1 February 1838

I do certify that Benjamin Lawson was enlisted in the first Regiment of Artillery September 1777 for the term of 3 years which time he served

S/ Ed. Carrington, Colonel

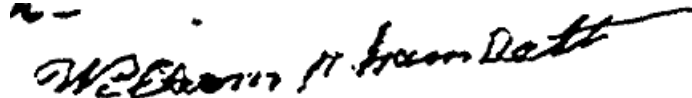
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S/ Edmund B Lacy

Virginia, Charlotte County to wit

I do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with Benjamin Lawson late of Charlotte, in the Revolutionary War: he enlisted in the fall of 1777, under Captain Murray at Portsmouth, for 3 years and was attached to Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Artillery: he then reenlisted in the same Regiment, to serve for and during the war, and did serve until the fall of 1783, when he was discharged from service – The said Regiment was attached to the State line of Virginia on Continental's establishment. Soon after his return from the Army, he became very deaf – These facts come within my personal knowledge, being a soldier at the time in Army of the Revolution, and seeing him frequently at the time, and living a near neighbor to him until the time of his death.

S/ William P. Hamlett¹



To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of Amy Tucker, formerly the widow of "Benjamin Lawson" Deceased, late a soldier of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment, in the war of the Revolution: respectfully sheweth:

That the said "Benjamin Lawson" enlisted for the term of three years on the 24th day of September 1777, in the Town of Portsmouth in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain William Murray, (who resigned in a few days after said enlistment) and was

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superseded in the command by Captain Samuel Eddins of the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison, which Regiment was attached to the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment: that he served faithfully the said term of three years, and at the expiration, he reenlisted to serve "for the war" in the same Regiment and did serve until the fall of the year 1783, when he was discharged from service at Ashley ferry in the State of South Carolina: that he was in the battle of Monmouth which was the only battle engaged in, while he was attached to it –

That the said "Benjamin Lawson" was a Pensioner of the United States under the Act of Congress passed March 18th, 1818 –

That "Benjamin Lawson" in his lifetime only drew from the State of Virginia one hundred
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and only heir of said "Benjamin Lawson," the usual quantity of Land allowed a soldier for enlisting and serving during the war, in consideration of her late husband's last enlistment and service "for the war," pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided – And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c

S/ Amy Tucker, late widow of Benjamin
Lawson deceased, X her mark

[Attested in Charlotte County Virginia January 22, 1838]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that Benjamin Lawson was Enlisted in the first Regiment of Artillery September 1777 for the Term of 3 years which time he served.

Copy Edmund B Lacy

S/ Ed. Carrington, Colonel

I do hereby certify that upon an interview with Benjamin Lawson of Charlotte County & speaking of his claim to a bounty of land due to himself and his brother who he says was killed in the Action at Eutaw Springs, I have every reason to believe that he was in the first Regiment of artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison & continued therein to the end of the Revolutionary War – his name & person being familiar as I myself an officer of the said Regiment. Given in Richmond this 17th day of March 1812

S/ J. Pryor [John Pryor]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Pryor', written in dark ink on a light background. The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a large flourish at the end.

State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

This day Colonel William Morton came before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath, that Benjamin Lawson was raised in his neighborhood in the said County of Charlotte & that he has known him ever since he was a boy. That sometime in the year 1777, he marched from this County as a militia man under Captain Thomas Williams & that he understood he enlisted as a regular soldier during that Tour. He knows very well that he was

considered a regular Soldier from that time until the end of the war. That he saw him several times during the war among his friends, but always in his uniform dress & it was well understood that he was absent from the Army by permission. That the said Benjamin Lawson still resides in the same neighborhood & that this deponent knows of no other Benjamin Lawson who has resided in this County. Given under my hand this 31st December 1811

S/ WW Watkins