

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Larkin S38130

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Virginia to wit

At a Court continued & held for the County of Monroe the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818 James Larkin who is about 65 years of age & who has been a resident in the County of Monroe (which was formally a part of Greenbrier) for the last thirty years personally appeared in Open Court (being a Court of Record) and declared upon oath that he enlisted in the service of the United States as a private soldier under Captain M. Bowyer [Michael Boyer] in the County of Augusta and State aforesaid & was attached to the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment under Colonel Nevill [probably Presley Neville]<sup>1</sup>, General Scott's [Charles Scott's] brigade in the Revolution & served in said war between two & three years and was discharged at West Point, but has lost his discharge, the time he enlisted & the time he was discharged he cannot state with certainty but knows he served over 2 years & fought in the battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777] – He further states that he is in reduced circumstances in life and need [needs] the assistance of his country for support, it was also proven satisfactorily by a Respectable Resident in said County of Monroe that he is in needy circumstances & need[s] the charity of his Country – The Court do certify that it appears did serve in the Revolutionary war over two years as stated in the above declaration & that the said Court was well satisfied from the oldest of several respectable witnesses that the said James Larkin is in reduced circumstances in Life & needs the assistance of his Country for support. It is Ordered that the Clerk of this Court forth with transmit the proceedings & testimony head & taken before them to the Secretary of the War Department agreeable to the directions of the aforesaid Act of Congress.

In testimony whereof I John Hutchison Junior Deputy for Isaac Hutchison Clerk of the said Court have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of the said County Court at Union this first July 1818 & in the 42 year of the Commonwealth

S/ John Hutchison, Junior DC

Virginia

At a Court of Quarter Session held for the County of Monroe the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the said County James Larkin aged about 67 years & resident in the said County of Monroe who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows – That he enlisted in the service of the United States as a private

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<sup>1</sup> Might be John Neville who also served as a Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel in the Virginia Continental line but who is not listed as having served in the 12<sup>th</sup> Regt. thereof.

soldier under Captain M. Bowyer in the County of Augusta & State of Virginia & was attached to the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment under Colonel Nevel, General Scott's brigade, & that he served between two & three years & was discharged at West Point but has lost his discharge – that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818 he made a declaration before the said County court of Monroe & that he has received from the Secretary of the Department of War a pension Certificate dated the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 1819 Numbered 6010. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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: 50 acres of land lying in Monroe County adjoining the lands of James Scott, James Dunsmore & Christopher Hoke which is very poor – one rifle gun – shot pouch – butcher knife – Tomahawk – moles & mipers [?] – One old saddle (man's) – one old bridle – one pair of Saddle bags – 3 pocketknives – one falling ax – & 2 razors – I have no particular trade or occupation – I am not able to work being so old & frail – nor have I any other means of support – I have no family at all.

S/ James Larkin, X his mark

Value of property \$112.00 cts

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 17, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]