

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Lockheart [Lockhart] S38151

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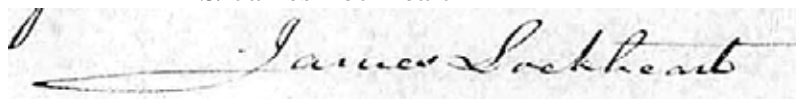
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Virginia County of Frederick Sct.

On this 3rd day of July 1826 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for the County of Frederick in the Commonwealth of Virginia James Lockhart [sic] aged sixty-six 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 of May 1820 that he the said James Lockhart enlisted for the term of three years early in the spring of the year 1777 at Staunton in the State of Virginia under Ensign William Brownlee about the beginning of the harvest he marched under Lieutenant Thomas Bell and the said Brownlee to the White Marsh in Pennsylvania where they joined the Company under the command of Captain William McGuire in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Grayson in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued in the said Corps excepting being frequently detached until the 29th day of June 1780 when being a prisoner in Charleston South Carolina he made his escape; having agreed to stay longer than the time he enlisted for that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and was taken prisoner at Charlestown in May 1778 [sic, May 12, 1780] under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] from whence he escaped as above mentioned and never joined the Army afterwards having served his time out; and that the following all the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension, that he was in good health and able to earn a living so that he not being under the necessity was unwilling to apply to his Country for aid: 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 of any kind whatever. That I had no property of any kind on the 18th day of March 1818 nor have I any since that time. I am by occupation a country schoolmaster but am unable to attend to it constantly from frequent indisposition and infirmity and have no family.

S/ James Lockheart

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Lockheart". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

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