

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Latner (Latnar) S38905

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The State of South Carolina, Greenville District

On this Second day of April 1828, Personally appeared in open court being a court of Record, General Sessions and Common Pleas in and for the District of Greenville and the State aforesaid, Nicholas Latnar resident in said District aged about 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 act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the first of May 1820: that he the said Nicholas Latner enlisted for the Term of three years about the year 1761 [sic] or thereabouts in the State of South Carolina in the Company Commanded by Captain __ Curshaw [Joseph Kershaw] his first name he does not recollect -- in the __ Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental Establishment and was then taken a prisoner at the Battle of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]¹ (he does not recollect whether this place was in the State of South Carolina or in the State of Georgia), but that he was taken prisoner together with a number of others, and put aboard a British ship called the *Rose* which he remained for a considerable time in Irons, when he had an opportunity of making his Escape from them and joined Colonel Thomson's Regiment -- and was then Transferred to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Regiment -- and that he continued to serve in the said Corps for about five years and two months when he was discharged from the service, on the Ashley River in the State of South Carolina by General Greene, the year or the date he does not recollect, that he had in his possession for a number of years a discharge from General Greene which discharge was burned in his house as it was consumed by fire some years since: that he was in the Battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781],² Stono [June 20, 1779]³ & Savannah Georgia [presumably the Siege of Savannah in 1779]⁴ where he received a severe wound on his head from the sword and a ball shot through his leg -- 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 the one above alluded to -- and that the following are the Reasons for not making Earlier application for a pension, first is he has always thought it not right for any person to draw money from their Country for revolutionary Services who could do without -- or was able to labor for a livelihood for a support. Secondly that he has always been a man of uncommonly

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

⁴ <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/siege-savannah>

Bodily Strength until of late, and having had a very severe attack of the Rheumatism in his legs & knees which entirely disables him of the means of supporting himself from his labor, and that he would scorn to take one dollar from the Public was it not for the reasons above stated, but from old age and has personal afflictions he is at last compelled from necessity alone to this call on the Public for a support.

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 other wise 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 there has been no changes in my property whatever said 18th March 1818 Except in my hogs & cattle of which I have killed some of them for family use his.

Schedule &c

2 Cows and calves and three yearlings supposed to be worth about	\$30.00
11 head of hogs worth about	25.00
8 sitting chairs worth	4.00
2 pots \$3.50 one oven \$1.50	5.00
One Loom	7.00
One cubbord	3.00
One pine table	2.00
One ax \$1 one mattuck \$1.25	2.25
One plough and trases worth	<u>3.50</u>
	\$81.75

I did on a horse but he is dead.

All of every description of property whatever, say Eighty one dollars and Seventy five cents.

Test: S/ J. H. Goodlett, Clerk

S/ Nicholas Latner, X his mark

I have no family except one Grand Child about 14 years of age William Payne, my wife and Children having died some time since and [word obliterated] no person but William Payne my Grand Child to assist me and able to do but little for myself as before stated in his declaration. Sworn to, and declared on the 2nd day of April 1828 in Open Court.

S/ J. H. Goodlett, CCP

S/ Nicholas Latner, X his mark

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Personally appeared before me Nicholas Latnar and in addition to his former oath and declaration makes oath that the only Reason he can give for his name is not being found on the Roll of the South Carolina agency is that the very day he enlisted under Captain Curshaw that they immediately marched to the place called Briar Creek where his Captain was killed and this deponent was taken a prisoner and ironed down in the British ship called the *Rose* and after remaining there for some time he was Landed at some place to get refreshments or freshwater and that he made his Escape and for fear of being retaken made his way Northernly or in the

State of Virginia and Joined General Greene and there done duty as a regular under General Grain until discharged as is stated in his declaration that he has with a great deal of difficulty were cured the affidavits of A. Hooper and William Trammell who knew him during the revolutionary War and that -- he is not able from old age and infirmity to try and find any other Testimony and must Eventually suffer for the common necessities of life if he does not Received some assistance from his Country which he has lived and fought in the calls of Liberty. Sworn to this 13th of December 1828 before me.

S/ J. H. Goodlett, CCP & QU

S/ Nicholas Latner, X his mark

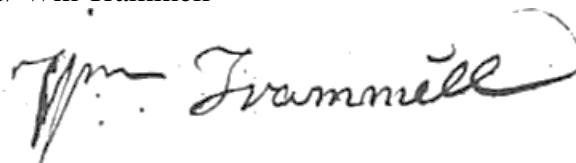
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Personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice William Trammell and makes oath that he was well acquainted with Nicholas Latner that he did see the said Nicholas Latner enlist on the day of the Battle at Briar Creek the name of the place he does not recollect if it had any name under Captain Curshaw [sic, Joseph Kershaw] and that the Captain and a number of his men were killed and nearly all the Balance taken prisoners -- that some 5 or 6 months after he saw the said Latner in General Greene's Army as a United States soldier and that the said Latner informed him that he made his Escape from the British and had joined General Greene's troops, whether he was enrolled as a regular soldier he does not know but that he saw him doing duty as such and was known as such and this deponent saw him at what he knows of the said Latner does believe he did enlist -- and served as he has stated and that the said Latner has several wounds on his head and a ball shot through his leg, and further states on his oath that he does believe he is entitled to a pension from the Government. Sworn to this 2 December 1828 before me.

S/ Robert Case, JP

S/ Wm Trammell⁵

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Trammell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Wm Trammell⁵".

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Personally appeared Absalom Hooper before me and after being duly sworn makes oath that he was and is at this time well acquainted with Nicholas Latner a revolutionary soldier and knew him about the commencement of the Revolutionary war that he is fully satisfied that the said Nicholas Latner did enlist in the United States service about the year 1761 [sic], or thereabouts in the State of South Carolina under Captain Curshaw in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental Establishment, and this deponent believes and is well convinced that the said Latner was taken a prisoner on the day of his enlistment together with members of other persons and that he did not see the said Latner for any more for a considerable time afterwards, that he was in General Greene's Army and was informed at that time by the said Latner that his Captain was killed at Briar Creek and that he the said Latner was taken prisoner and put aboard of the British ship

⁵ This MAY be the same William Trammell as is referred to in [William Trammel W6312](#).

Rose as he has stated in his declaration, and that this deponent saw the said Latner do duty in General Greene's Army as one of his men and that he has no kind of hesitation in believing the said Latner did enlist as he has stated in his declaration and that no doubt but the whole of the papers or the Roll of the Capt. men was taken by the British at Briar Creek as the said Latner has declared, and that there was very few of them who made their Escape but what was taken prisoners -- further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed to this the first day of December A.D. 1828 before me.

S/ Richard Goodlett, JP

S/ Absalom Hooper,⁶ X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 15, 1828, for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]

⁶ This MAY be the same person as is covered by [Absalom Hooper W7813](#)