

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lahey S40908

f16DEL

Transcribed by Will Graves

1/17/15

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Delaware New Castle County: SS

On this fifteenth day of July A.D. 1819 before me James Booth, Chief-Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the State and County aforesaid personally came John Lahey a claimant for a Pension under the Law of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 – who being duly sworn according to law on his solemn oath deposes and says that he was enlisted as a private Soldier at the town of Dover in the month of May 1777 in Capt. Holland's [Thomas Holland's] Company of the Delaware Regiment in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. That he served from that time to the end of said War, in the said Regiment and was discharged after the Peace: That he now is in very reduced circumstances and has need of the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ John Lahey, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

At the same time before me the said Judge personally came Major Peter Jaquett [sic] who on his solemn oath duly administered deposes and says that he is well acquainted with the above named John Lahey, that to his certain knowledge the said John Lahey did serve as a private Soldier in the Delaware Regiment from sometime in the year 1777 until the Regiment was disbanded after the Peace; that the said John was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & at the Storming Fort Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] & was wounded & lost an Eye; and he the said John Lahey is, to the best of this deponent's knowledge and belief, in indigent circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for his support.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the said judge

S/ P. Jaquett<sup>1</sup>



Also at the same time before me the said Judge personally came Major Caleb P Bennet<sup>2</sup> [sic] who on his solemn affirmation, affirms and declares that he is personally well acquainted with the before named claimant John Lahey, that to his certain knowledge the said John Lahey did serve as a private Soldier in the Delaware Regiment in the Revolutionary War from sometime

---

<sup>1</sup> [Peter Jaquett S46500](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Caleb P. Bennett S35779](#)

in the year 1777 until the said Regiment was disbanded and the deponent further believes the said John Lahey he is in indigent circumstances and needs the support from his Country.

S/ C. P. Bennett



S/ Jas. Booth, Judge

[p 10]

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Lancaster County, SS

On this seventh day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record viz. the District Court for the City and County of Lancaster, John Lahey aged fifty-nine years, resident in the township of Marlick [Martic?]<sup>3</sup> in Lancaster County 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 under Capt. Holland in April 1777 in the Regiment of Delaware Blues Commanded by Col. Hall [David Hall] and served in the same Regiment but under different Officers until regularly discharged at the End of the War.

That his original declaration was made on the fifteenth day of July 1819 on which was granted a Pension certificate dated the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1819 – numbered 15,291. 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.

Am a laborer have no family at home with me but my wife Mary aged 49 Years & Joseph aged 8 years we have ten other children living some of them of age, some are not, all doing for themselves or bound to trades, neither myself my wife nor son Joseph are able to earn our living.

S/ John Lahey, X his mark

A Schedule of the property of John Lahey – a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, taken September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1820

One cow worth	\$12.00
One Lamb	.67
8 Pigs	31.50
1 Table, 1 Chest, 2 Stools	1.00
Other House & kitchen furniture	2.00
1 rake	<u>1.00</u>
	\$48.17

The above contains a necessary bedding and clothing excepted

S/ John Lahey, X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died January 2, 1832; no other family data is included in the materials in this file.]

[p 8: Application for a transfer of pension benefits dated March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1821 given in Lancaster Pennsylvania wherein the veteran states that he served under Capt. Holland in the Regiment commanded by Col. Hall of the Delaware Continental line; that he has removed from Delaware and now lives in Pennsylvania and wishes his pension to be payable there. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 15, 1819, for service as a private for 6 years in the Delaware Continental line.]