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Pension Application of Absolam Lawrence S40910

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Henrico County, State of Virginia.

This day [2 Mar 1818] personally appeared before me one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace for said county, Absolam Lawrence, and made oath in due form that during the revolutionary war he enlisted as a soldier under Capt Wm. Carter [William Carter] for the term of Eighteen months, and served in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Phibeker [sic: Christian Febiger], which was stationed a part of the time of said service at the Barracks near Cumberland old Court House. That in various situations he served the full time for which he enlisted, and was regularly discharged according to Law. That for his services (that is to say his monthly pay) he has never received any part of his Bounty Money, for the farther proof of which he refers to the Certificate of Capt Wm. Carter; this deponent does not recollect the name of the Regiment to which he belonged, and states that the evidences of his claim forwarded are the best he can procure, at this distant period of time.

[George Salmon certified that he had served in the same regiment with Lawrence.]

District of Virginia SS.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1821, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Henrico Absolam Lawrence aged 58 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 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1818, and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 1820, that he, the said Absolam Lawrence enlisted for the term of 18 months on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1781 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by captain William Carter in the regiment commanded by colonel Phibecker in the line of the State of Virginia on the United States continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until October 1782 when he was discharged from the said service, at Cumberland old Courthouse in the State of Virginia

That he was in the battles of [blank] and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said services, except what is hereunto annexed

And, in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1820, 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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. That he has now real nor personal estate, necessary bedding and clothing excepted, and that he is a farmer by occupation, but has now ability to pursue it, that he has now family and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country

Sworn to, and declared, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1821.                      Absolam Lawrence

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: Absolam Larrance, age 19, height 5' 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>", light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, shoe maker, born in King William County, residing in Henrico County where he was drafted on 6 Apr 1781 for 18 months.