

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Laws S41754

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State & District of Virginia Fauquier County Sct.

On this 15th day of September 1818 before me the Subscriber, Sole &c Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia aforesaid personally appeared John Laws aged sixty years Resident in the said County of Fauquier in the State & District aforesaid

Sworn. According to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in Order to Obtain the provision made the late 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." That he the said John Laws enlisted in Fauquier County aforesaid in the Company commanded by Captain William Blackwell of the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment for 3 years in the said Corps or in the service [sic] that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States when he was discharged from service.

That he was in the battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Stony Point [July 16, 1779], and that he is in reduced Circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the annexed certificate of Chief Justice Marshall [John Marshall] and affidavits of Samuel Elliot and Joseph Parker also hereto annexed.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid
S/ Robt. White

[Note: Joseph Blackwell's affidavit appears to have been copied on page 17 of this file but the image of the document is totally illegible. I did not see in this file the certificate of John Marshall, Samuel Elliot or Joseph Parker as referred to by the veteran but there are several documents the images of which are illegible as posted on Fold3.com. and it is possible that those certificates comprise part of those illegible documents.]

Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 20th [could be 29th] August 1820 personally appeared in open Court for the County of Fauquier John Laws being a Court of Record made so by Act of Assembly invested with Common Law and Chancery Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and with the power of fine and imprisonment the said John Laws being in his 63rd year a native and a resident of the

¹ More legible in the HeritageQuest.com version

County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that the first of August 1776 he enlisted in the musketry under Captain Thomas Randell and Captain William Blackwell of the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan and Colonel Feebecker [Christian Febiger] for the term of 3 years that after the resignation of Captain Blackwell he served in the same company under Captain John Marshall the present Chief Justice for the full term of enlistment that he was discharged in the State of New Jersey in 1779 that he was in the Battles of Germantown and Stony Point that the evidence of his services will more fully appear by a reference to his declaration and the affidavit of John Marshall filed in the War Office of the United States and also the affidavit of Samuel Elliot and Joseph Blackwell filed their that his original declaration was made before the Honorable Robert White in the County and State aforesaid that the annexed is his certificate of pension numbered 7001 that he has received his pension up to the 4th of September 1819.

I John Laws 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 nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed
to wit

	Schedule
One Bay mare 16 years old	\$30.00
Sorrel Colt one-year-old	17.00
Two Old Cows and a Calf	25.00
One heifer and two yearlings	18.00
Three small sows and Barrow @ \$3	12.00
Five small shoats @ \$1	5.00
Ten head Sheep @ \$1.20	12.00
Three Beds and furniture @ \$15	45.00
One old Chest and trunk @ \$1	2.00
Two old Tables and six old chairs	3.00
Old Cupboard and small [?] of Earthern ware	2.00
One set knives and forks	.75
Two old pewter dishes Three small Basons and twelve old pewter plates	3.00
One wool card flax wheel @ \$1	2.00
Three old pots oven and skillet	4.00
Three pair pots hooks Ladle flesh fork & ?	1.50
Pair plough gear and Stone ?	2.33
One axe two hoes & old lumber	2.50
Flat Irons and wooden ware	<u>1.66</u>
	188.94

Monies Due by Mr. Laws 1st January 1821

Land rent to Bernard Hoe	\$40.00
Tax on Land	3.12 ½

Bond due French Flowries admr.	8.5
Bond due for line of an old negro woman	10.00
Bond due Jos. Carr	<u>61.17 ½</u>
	180.6

S/ John Laws

That I am a farmer by Trade and live upon the peace of Land rented from year-to-year at \$40 per year that my family consist of a wife Margaret Laws aged forty years and two children Salley aged four years and John H aged eighteen months that my wife is unable to labor and capable only of light domestic employment that they are solely dependent upon my labor for subsistence that their support is scant and that I need the assistance of my Country for myself and family.

S/ John Laws

John Laws]

[p 23: the veterans application for transfer of pension benefits was supported by the affidavit of William Laws, relationship not stated.

William Laws]

[p 23: On February 9, 1829 in licking County Ohio, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Ohio agency where he anticipated that he would be able to get better land.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing September 15, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

The bearer hereof John Laws of the 11th Virginia Regiment having served the time for which he was enlisted is hereby discharged from the service. Given under my hand this 2nd day of August 1779

S/ William Woodford, BG

I do certify that John Laws served three years the full term of his Enlistment.

S/ Joseph Blackwell, Captain, 6th V R

The original of the above discharge & certificate lodged with the Auditors this 10th April 1783

S/ B. Mark

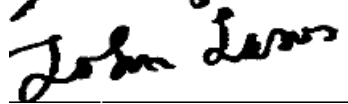
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Fauquier County April 14th 1821

Your memorialist John Laws begs leave to state the following facts. In the year 76 he entered into the United States service as a soldier under the command of Lieutenant or Captain Blackwell (rank or given name not remembered) and lastly in the company of Captain John Marshall now Chief Justice of the US that he served his country for 3 years and he hopes

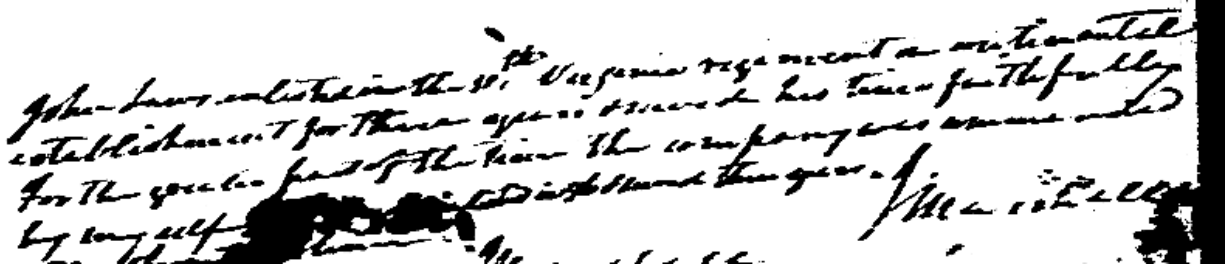
faithfully, that until some weeks past he never knew that he was entitled to a bounty of land as a soldier, he begs leave to state that his services was in the Virginia Continental establishment and not in the Virginia line and that he never has directly nor indirectly authorized any person to receive a land warrant in his name or has he ever received one himself being informed that it is to you alone that he can look to for this compensation he [indecipherable word or words] three years will allow him this boone intended by his country as a reward for his service the sufferings and privations he endured while in the armies of the country he begs leave to state that he has lived the last three years in the County of Fauquier that he has for many years past been the Father of a numerous family.

S/ John Laws



John Laws enlisted in the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment for three years & served his time faithfully for the greater part of the time the company was commanded by myself & served three years

S/ J. Marshall



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