

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Lockett S41780

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State of Kentucky Sct

Benjamin Lockett of Clarke County and State afs'd this 23rd day of June 1818 made the following statement upon oath before me James Clark one of the Circuit Judges for the State of Kentucky for the purpose of obtaining a pension under an act of Congress entitled and act "to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the revolutionary war." He states, that he was born in the State of Virginia, and that at this time he is about fifty six years old. That he was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. That in the month of May or June he is not positive which, in the year 1779 he enlisted in capt Churchhill Jones's [Churchill Jones BLWt304-300] troop of dragoons, third Regiment dragoons on continental establishment commanded by Colo. William Washington of the Virginia line, that his enlistment afs'd was during the war, that he did serve from the period of his enlistment afs'd during the war, and was on the 4th day of July 1783 in Charleston South Carolina, regularly & duly discharged, which discharge he has by time or accident lost or mislaid, so that he cannot find it. He states that he was in the battles of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Campden [sic: Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Gilford Court house [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Eutaw pring [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781]. That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his Country for support. That he has no evidence of his services & discharge that what is here transmitted

The deposition of William Jeffriss [William Jeffries (Jeffris) W9076] taken before me this 8th day of march 1819 for the purpose of proving the truth of the foregoing statement of the said Benjamin Lockett. Being first sworn states That he was himself a soldier in the war of the revolution for three years and six months that when he first entered the service he belonged to the first Reg't of dragoons comanded by Colo Anthony White [Anthony Walton White W6477] that he continued in the same untill it was blended with the third [9 Nov 1782], and upon such consolidation he became acquainted with the aforementioned Benjamin Lockett which was some time after the battle at the Eutaw Spring that from that time untill they were discharged at the close of the war he knew the said Lockett well that said Lockett belonged to the third troop of the third regiment as he has stated that they were in the same mess for more than a year. That they attained their discharge on the same day at Charleston as stated by said Lockett and on the next day started together for their place of residence in the State of Virginia and continued together untill they arrived within twelve miles of the residence of this deonant when they parted That he has frequently seen the discharge of the said Lockett

[At the same time and place one Thomas Robertson deposed that Lockett had a wife and three daughters.]

District of Kentucky Clark County & Circuit Sct

On this 27th day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, established a Court of Record by an Act of the Legislature of Kentucky for the County afors'd Benjamin Lockett aged Fifty Eight years, resident in Clarke County in s'd District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows viz. He served as a Regular Soldier in the 3^d Regiment of Light Dragoons, upwards of Four years, commencing in the year 1779 and ending in 1783 Commanded by Col William Washington that the No. of his Pension Certificate is 12,565 and is dated the [blank] day of [blank] 18

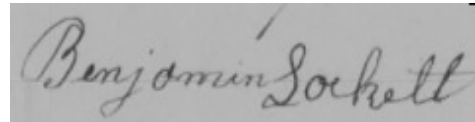
And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act 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 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.

No land except about seventeen acres held in right of my wife as Dower worth	\$40.00
One small man worth	20.00
Five Cows and one Calf	20.00
Five head of Hogs & some small pigs	20.00
A few farming utensils worth	3.00

No money or debts due to me except about five dollars

That he is a farmer by occupation, not able half the labour of a common Labourer, by reason of age and infirmity, has four in family viz himself, his Wife about Fifty years of age not able to do the work of a Common female labourer, his Daughter Polly about Fifteen years of age, and Nancy about thirteen years old of usual ability to work



[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The first item is indexed as Locket, Ben.]

I do Certify that Ben. Locket enlisted for the war June 80 in Colo Baylor [George Baylor W5966] Reg't. L Dragoon and has faithfully served the end of the war.

Will. Barret [William Barret VAS1197] f[ormer]ly
Capt Baylors Dragoons
Aug't 11 84

State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County Benjamin Lockett who made oath that in the year 1779 he Enlisted for during the war in Capt. Barrett's Company of the 3^d Troop or Regiment of light Dragoons Commanded by Col. William Washington and that he continued to serve in said corps until the 4th day of July 1783 when he was honorably discharged in Charleston South Carolina by Capt. Parsons [William Parsons R16965]. And that he has never rec'd his Land bounty for said Service



Sworn to before me this 7th of September 1822 Matt Elder JP

State of Kentucky/ Henry County Sct

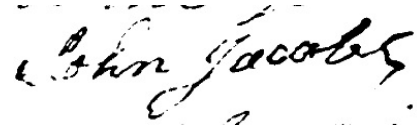
This day came before me William Jeffries, who served in the continental establishment with Benjamin Lockett a petitioner for Bounty Land and made Oath that he served together with the said Benj'n Lockett in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia Light dragoons the 1st & 3rd Reg'ts being made one, and known by the name of the 3rd Reg't. Commanded by Major Swan [John Swan VAS2026] of the Continental establish't, and that he Served with the said Benjamin Lockett untill the close of the war, when he was dismissed by furlow without date at Charles Town South Carolina 4th July 1783 by Capt Will Parsons

Given under my hand & Seal as Justice of the peace in and for said County of Henry this 9th day of Sep'r 1822.

N. L. Oliver J.P.H.C.

Kentucky Scott County Sct

John Jacobs [W9071] Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he served in the same Corps or Troop of Cavalry with Benjamin Lockett in the Virginia Continental Army in the Revolutionary War and that he knows that said Lockett did Enlist for during the war and did served to the End thereof and was discharged in the year 1783

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Jacobs". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Sworn to before me and I certify that the aforesaid John Jacobs is a credible Witness on Oath given under my hand this 20th day of Sept'r 1822.

[The following is misfiled with Neale, Charles.]

State of Kentucky/ Scott County Sct.

This day came before me Charles Neal [W9587] who served in the continental establishment with Benjamin Lockett a petitioner for Bounty Land and made Oath that he served together with the said Benjamin Lockett in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia Light dragoons 1st & 3rd Reg't. being made one, and known by the name of the 3rd Reg't commanded by Major Swan of the continental establishment, and that he served with the said Benjamin Lockett untill the close of the war when he was discharged by furlow without date at Nelsons Ferry on Santee 12th May 1783 by Capt Will Parsons

Given under my hand & seal as Justice of the peace in and for said County of Scott this 11th Sept 1822
[signed illegibly]

NOTE: On 15 June 1835 Lockett applied to have his pension transferred to Ohio, having moved to Franklin County for the following reason: "he has a family consisting of 7 persons (himself included,) and had but a small property in Kentucky – and is much advanc'd in life and removed here supposing the living here to be cheaper and easier."