

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Layne S4489

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The State of Ohio Clark County: SS

On this 26 day of July in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of Clark County now in Session being the July Term of the said Court Robert Layne a resident of Springfield Township in Clark County in the State of Ohio aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served in the militia as herein stated. He was drafted in Goochland County in the State of Virginia the Company to which he belonged and in which he mustered was commanded by Captain Jolly Parish [perhaps Tolley Parrish] it was divided into ten classes by some law or regulation of the State of Virginia for the purpose of being in readiness to repel invasions. The class to which he belonged was classed number one. He was called out but does not remember the year month or day but was placed under the command of Captain Nathaniel Massie of Goochland a person to him then well known. From Goochland he marched through Richmond and through Charles City County to York from thence to a place near Hampton where he remained stationed for some time. A part of his tour of service was spent at the place last mentioned and a part of it at York but cannot state how long the whole service was he recollects that he left home early in the spring and was discharged in harvest time. Colonel Lindsey of Goochland County commanded the Regiment and he was the highest field officer. From Goochland he removed to Albemarle and married he there belonged to the company of Captain William Grissom he was then called out under Captain William Grissom in the fall of the year 1880 [sic, 1780?] and marched from Albemarle through Fluvanna, Louisa, Goochland, Henrico and Charles City to the same Station as on the former to war and remained until sometime in the month of April following when he was discharged and returned to Albemarle County. Colonel George Mathews of Albemarle commanded the Regiment.

About 2 or 3 weeks after his return in April he was again called out under Captain Nelson Thompson of Albemarle County and marched by the same route to the same place and remained there a short time when upon the approach of Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] with a superior force our militia retreated going back through Henrico, Hanover, Louisa to Albemarle County about 18 miles from Charlottesville at the last named place recollects that the Assembly was in Session. After remaining a short time in Albemarle they took up their march to return to York when they reached the lower side of Goochland or upper side of Henrico they received the intelligence of Cornwallis surrender [October 19, 1781] and he was discharged and returned

home to Albemarle County. Colonel George Mathews of Albemarle commanded the Regiment upon this tour also he was in no engagement. He has no written evidence of his service or of his discharge and he knows of no person whose evidence he can produce to prove his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this 26 day of July A.D. 1832.

S/ Robert Layne



He was born on the 11th of July 1758 in Goochland County in the State of Virginia. He has now no record of his age – he had a record of his age which was made [?] many years cannot state exactly when and a few years ago about thirty years ago he gave the Bible containing this record to his son Lewis taking off his age upon a loose paper which he kept until within 2 or 3 years past when it was lost – as for the Bible it was burnt with the house of his son as he believes.

He was living in Goochland County in the State of Virginia when he was called into service next afterwards he lived about 20 years in Albemarle County in Virginia he then removed to the Kanawha where he lived about 5 years and removed to Clark County where he has resided ever since and now lives.

He was drafted into the service each time – that he was out. There was no regular officers with the troops with which he served. He served under Colonel Lindsey and Colonel Mathews as herein before stated and those were the only regiments that he knew.

He never received a discharge from the service in writing

He states that he is known to the most or all of the citizens in and about the Seat of Justice of the County and the Township in which it situated and the Reverend Saul Henkle, John Perrin, John Humphreys, Joseph Perrin associate Judge Pierson Spinning Merchant as person[s] who may be referred to.

S/ Robert Layne

[Saul Henkle, a clergyman, John Humphreys, farmer, and John Perrin, farmer, gave the standard supporting affidavit

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned and Acting Justice of the Peace within and for Clarke County aforesaid Robert Layne a person to me well-known who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the grade of a private soldier.

For about three months the first time he was called out as stated in his declaration he served as a common soldier but he is wholly unable to state the time of his entering the service or of leaving it.

For six months the second time he was called out as stated in his declaration that is to say from the middle of the month of September in the year 1780 until the middle of April in the year 1781 he served as a common soldier.

For five months and a half the third tour mentioned in his declaration under Captain Thompson that is to say from between the first and the 10th of May 1781 until between the 20th and 25th day of October of the same year he served as a common soldier.

This Affiant states it is his belief from the best recollection that he now has that his first tour of service was in the year 1779 and that he served nearly four months but he is unable to state with confidence.

Sworn to and subscribed before me December 10th, 1832

S/ A. Blount, JP

S/ Robert Layne

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the Virginia service.]