

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Lawrence (Laurence) S4521

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Fayette County State of Pennsylvania: SS

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the court of common pleas for the County of Fayette State of Pennsylvania, Jacob Lawrence a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-one 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 the 7th 1832.

That he did enter the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he entered the service as a volunteer about the first of July in the year 1781 in Captain Michael Cats [Michael Catts] Company of Pennsylvania Militia, Lieutenant Melchor Baker – that he volunteered for the Campaign to fight the Indians on the Western frontiers, that he was marched from Fayette County to Wheeling [Virginia], that the troops there took boats & descended the Ohio River below the mouth of the big Miami River, that they there landed on the Ohio side, that a few days after (in August 1781[]) they had an engagement with the Indians near where Lawrenceburg now is – he was taken prisoner by the Indians who at the same time captured & killed & took prisoners the whole detachment consisting of about 105 men. That he was kept a prisoner about one year, at the mouth of Detroit River at Brownstown. That after being about one year a prisoner with the Indians at the above mentioned place, he escaped from them, and was making his road homeward but was taken a second time by the British, who took him to Montréal, and was there imprisoned seven weeks. That he was about six months a prisoner with the British in Canada and was about Christmas 1783 taken to New York to be exchanged, but before I and exchange took place peace was concluded. That he was in all about eighteen months a prisoner with the Indians & British. That the troops to which he belonged were commanded by Colonel Laughery [Archibald Lochry] who was killed in the engagement with the Indians at the time he was taken prisoner.¹ That he returned home early in the year 1784. That he has no documentary Evidence of his services. That he knows of no person at present by whom he can establish them but that the Reverend Thornton Fleming & the Honorable Andrew Stewart will testify as to his reputation. That he was born in Frederick County Virginia, that he resided at the time he entered the service in Fayette County Pennsylvania & still resides there.

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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in Open Court.

¹ There is an actual account of the engagement known as Lochry's Defeat posted at <http://boards.ancestry.com/topics.Military.amerrev.general/803/mb.ashx>

S/ H. W. Beem, Proth.

S/ Jacob Lawrence, X his mark

[fn p. 21: Thornton Fleming, a clergyman, and Andrew Stewart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 5: On July 14, 1846, and Adams County Ohio, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Ohio agency saying that he had moved there to situate himself better in the land and to be near his children (not named).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 19 months service as a private in the Pennsylvania militia.]