

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Laprade S5666

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State of Virginia, Chesterfield county, towit,

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August anno Domini 1832, personally appeared before the county court of Chesterfield county, John Laprade a resident of said county, aged Sixty nine years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832; That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the summer of the year 1780 with Colo. William Davis [sic: William Davies]; that he served as a Tailor or artificer in a regiment, which he thinks was called the second regiment of the Virginia line; That being employed as an artificer, and very seldom in the field, he has no distinct recollection now of the company or field Officers; That he enlisted and joined the American troops at a Garrison or station at Chesterfield court house, Virginia, under the command of Colo. Davis above mentioned; that the greater portion of the time he was in service he was kept employed as a Tailor at the aforesaid station at Chesterfield courthouse; That upon one occasion he volunteered in a detachment consisting of three companies, that was sent against a party of the British, and had a skirmish with them near fort Hoods on James river; That upon another occasion he marched with a small detachment of troops with several baggage waggons containing clothing for the army, up the country as high as Staunton, Virginia; after working there some time, he obtained a permit, came down to the City of Richmond, and was discharged sometime early in the month of January 1782; he received a written discharge which he afterwards delivered up to Wm Reynolds a land speculator. The applicant further declares that at the time he enlisted he resided in Chesterfield county Virginia, where he was born, and where he has resided ever since.

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 any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year herein first written. [signed] John Laprade  
[Certified by Thomas Gregory (pension application W7599) and Jacob Flournoy (S8492).]

Virginia, Chesterfield county to wit.

This day [17 Dec 1832] personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace, John Laprade who being duly sworn, deposeth 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 period mentioned below, and in the following grades; for Eighteen months as a Tailor attached to the Regular army of the United States, in the revolutionary war and for such service he claims a Pension. He was born in the county of Chesterfield, on the 23rd day of February 1763, he has a record of his age now in his possession at home. He was generally attached to the Regiment of which Colo. William Davis a Regular officer had command, the Baron Steuben sometimes had command also, he was sometimes under the command of some other Regular officers, whose names he is at present unable to recollect. That he is known to many persons in his neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution, particularly to Mackness Bowman [pension application S6691], Levy Newby [Levi Newby S7265] and Thomas Newby [S5812] three old and respectable soldiers of the Revolutionary war. He is also known to the Rev'd Eleazer Clay and old Clergyman residing in this county, who owing to his very advanced age and bodily infirmity is utterly unable to go before a magistrate to make an affidavit.

[signed] John Laprade

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: John Leprade/ age 18/ height 5 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>/ planter/ born and residing in Chesterfield County/ fair hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted for 18 months.