

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Giles Lawrey S5670

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State of Virginia County of Culpeper: SS

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared before me Frederick Fishback a Justice of the peace of said County and State Giles Lawrey a resident of said County & State aged 99 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<sup>th</sup> 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in Westminster England in the year 1733 and came to the United States and settled in Culpeper County Virginia a year or two after Braddock's defeat [July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1755] before the Revolutionary War. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 and marched to Hunters Forge in Stafford County Virginia to protect that place from an attack from down the River where Dunmore [Governor John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia] was lying in a vessel. That sometime after getting their the vessel going away the troops were discharged, having served as well as he recollects at least one month, though it was then called a two months tour [tour] – That he does not recollect the officers generally but Captain James Thomas commanded –

That about August 1777 he was again drafted and sent on to the North to join Washington's Army in Pennsylvania. That he was then commanded by Captain \_\_ Waugh [John Waugh] and Colonel Barbour [James Barbour] at first and afterwards by Major Roberts – that they joined at Washington's Army soon after the battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777] and continued with him until early Christmas making a tour of full four months – That Lieutenant Reuben More [Reuben Moore] was in the company he belonged to in that tour and he thinks the Regiment was commanded in service by Colonel Crawford.

That in the month of July 1781 he was again drafted and marched down to Richmond and finally to the siege of York. That he was in the whole of the siege and was discharged soon after [Cornwallis surrendered October 19, 1781] – That that tour was a full three months tour and he served it out – That he was at that time in Captain Cadwallader Slaughter's Company – That he saw several General Officers such as Washington, Lafayette, Stevens [Edward Stevens] &c but does not recollect the Colonel as there were so many together. That his whole service was full eight months.

That he can prove the above service by Captain Stallard and Captain More and John Ames.

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 before me

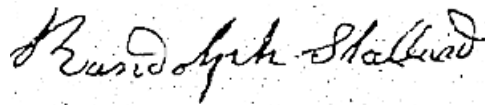
This day and year above written

S/ Fred. Fishback, JP

S/ Giles Lawrey, X his mark

I Randolph Stoddard a resident of the County of Culpeper Virginia do hereby certify that I knew Giles Lawrey who subscribed the above declaration in two other tours of which he speaks to wit at the North for four months and at York in 1781 – he came down in the troops that relieved me at Malvern Hills and I have always understood that he served out the full three months tour. I have known Mr. Lawrey ever since and consider him entitled to the fullest credit in what he says – I have every reason to believe from what I have always heard that he is as he says about a hundred years old.

S/ Randolph Stallard<sup>1</sup>



And the applicant then had the following interrogatories propounded to him which he answered as follows

Q. Where and in what year were you born?

A. In Winchester England old Christmas day 1733

Q. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. I have none I have seen it in the family Bible.

Q. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

A. I was drafted in every tour

2. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

A. In Culpeper County Virginia and have lived there ever since except one year I lived in Fauquier County.

Q. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served: such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.

A. I cannot recollect any of the officers – I knew the Marquis, General Washington, Stevens &c I have stated my services in my declaration

Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I do not recollect that I ever was discharged except by company

Q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

A. I would name Colonel Thomas Spindler, Mr. Martin Fishback, Captain Stallard, Capt. More – I prove my services by witnesses.

State of Virginia Culpeper County SS

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833, personally appeared before me a justice of the peace of said

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<sup>1</sup> [Randolph Stallard S6165](#)

County, Reuben More<sup>2</sup> of said County aged 78 years, who being duly sworn according to law depose and saith that he was well acquainted in the revolution with Giles Lawrey of Culpeper County and in the year 1777 was with him in the service – That said Lawrey was a private in Captain Waugh's company in which affiant was a Lieutenant, and they marched to Pennsylvania to join Washington's Army, leaving Culpeper about the last of August in that year, and was discharged in Pennsylvania just before Christmas – the said Lawrey served the full tour, which was 4 months.

Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833

S/ William Foushee, JP

State of Virginia Culpeper County, to wit

This day appeared before me Thomas Norman Justice of the peace in and for said County John Ames and being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Giles Lawry [sic] who applies for a pension during the Revolutionary War – that he was employed by said Lawrey to live at his house during his absence in service. That said Lawrey was gone three different times, that one time was to the North, that he was gone then he thinks at least four months that he was gone about three months and at the other time he returned after being absent about one month. That he now knows Mr. Lawrey and thinks him entitled to credit in what he says. Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833

S/ Thomas Norman

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Reuben Moore W8466](#)