

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Lasater (Lassiter) S7134

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State of North Carolina Chatham County

On this 12th day of November personally appeared before us Wesley Hank, David Sauls and Robert Bingham, Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Chatham now in session, Abner Lasater, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832.

That he was born in what was formerly Bute now Franklin County on the 13th of April 1754 being now in the 79th year of his age according to the record of the respective the ages of his father's children now in his possession and transcribed from the Family Bible of his father which has been since burned, that he entered the service of the United States in the early part of December 1780 as a volunteer in a troop of horse commanded by Captain William Jones of Orange County in this State, that he resided in the County of Chatham when he volunteered, that Sterling Hightower [?] was the Lieutenant and John Robeson the Ensign of his company, that immediately after he entered the service, his company was marched to Big Pedee [River] in the edge of South Carolina where he [indecipherable word or words] the Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] soon after which he was sent with others to drive beef for the use of the Army, that after having procured the necessary supplies, he was sent by General Greene as an express to Halifax [?], that on his return to the encampment after having executed the express, General Greene had marched up the Pedee [River] for he was then pursued by Cornwallis and the Company in which he volunteered and marched to Cheraw Hill where he remained some time before he was sent as an express to Halifax in this State where the Legislature was in session that after having executed the express his term being out he returned home to his father's, that he thinks he received a discharge from his Captain William Jones but has lost it if ever he did receive one, that after having remained at home from the expiration of his first tour of duty till the early part of February in the year 1782 he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer and horseman in a company of Horse commanded by Captain Joseph Rosser² -- the Lieutenant of the company was Joseph Hackney [?], the name of the ensign he cannot recollect, that during this tour of service he was employed keeping the Tories in check who were commanded by Fanning [David Fanning] and that he never went out of the State or the district of Hillsborough and that when he finished this tour of service he returned home, but if he received a

¹ The digital image of the original application is much easier to read on the HeritageQuest version than on the footnote.com version.

² This name looks more like Joseph Raper or Joseph Roper in this applicant's original application but in his amended declaration the scribe clearly wrote the name as Rosser.

discharge in writing he has lost it, that he knows of no further testimony that is within his reach, that he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Abner Lasater

[Richard Drake, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Joseph Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Declaration of Abner Lasater as amended.

On the 15th day of August 1833 personally appeared before us Abram Kean, Nathan Stedman and Charles Lutterloh Justices of the court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Chatham now in session, Abner Lasater who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declarations in addition to those made on the 12th of November 1832:

The following all the questions propounded to Mr. Lasater together with his answers upon oath
1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- Born in Bute now called Warren or Franklin in 1754

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

An -- yes in my Bible, set down by my father.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. In Chatham, then since and now

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Colonel Wade, Roger Griffith -- Captains William Jones and Joseph Rosser, lieutenants Starling Hightower, and Ensign John Robinson, and Lieutenant Joseph Hackney -- he volunteered for 2 distinct periods of time, the first commencing about the 10th of December 1780 and was terminated the 11th of March in the same year by a discharge from Captain William Jones, which is lost or mislaid and cannot be proved, -- the 2nd enlistment commenced about the 10th of February 1782 and continued on in the rugged for 3 months, when he thinks he received a written discharge but has lost it and cannot prove it, The 2 enlistments embraced and entire period of 6 months. The first Colonel under whom he served was Thomas Wade of South Carolina and the 2nd was Colonel Roger Griffith.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer -- He thinks he did, in the first case by Captain William Jones, which as stated above, is lost and the 2nd case he cannot say, yes or no.

S/ Abner Lasater

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer Richard Drake and Joseph Johnston

He has no witness living by whom he can substantiate his statements. Richard Drake and

Joseph Johnston have before given their certificate.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the court further certifies, that it appears to them that Richard Drake who has signed the certificate heretofore made as a clergyman resident in Chatham and that Joseph Johnston who has also signed the same is a resident in Chatham and is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum for his 6 months service in the revolution.]