

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lankford S8823

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State of Virginia County of Chesterfield

On this 10th day of June in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County court of Chesterfield County and State of Virginia now sitting William Lankford a resident in the said County and State aged 69 years the 11th day of October 1832 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

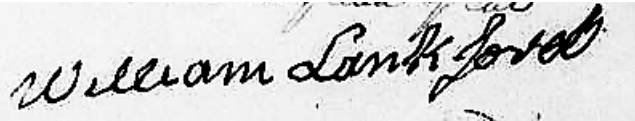
I William Lankford entered the service for the first time about the 15th of October 1779 under the command of Captain John Pollard and Lieutenant Samuel Hoskins of the 3rd Regiment at Todds Bridge in the County of King and Queen from thence we marched to Williamsburg and York at those places and in the adjacent country I served until discharged which time of service was not less than two months. About the middle of April 1780 I under the command of the same Officers marched from Todds Bridge to Williamsburg where I performed a tour of service of two months and was again discharged at oath of the aforesaid times and places General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] had command of the Army.

In the spring of the year 1781 I served about ten days at the said Todds Bridge and during the same year and about the 13th of August I was ordered to rendezvous again at Todds Bridge from which place I marched under the command of my aforesaid Captain Pollard and Lieutenant Hoskins through New Kent County and near the Court House in said County we joined the Army under the command of Colonels Mathews and Innis from thence we continued our March crossing York River at West Point through the County of King in Queen to Gloucester Court House – thence to Gloucester-Town Opposite York where after having served more than 2 months I was finally discharged on the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. General Weeden [George Weedon] Colonel John Taylor, Major Lomax and Major Baytop were likewise Officers in command. During the whole period of the Revolutionary War my place of residence was in the County of King and Queen State of Virginia whenever I was called into the United States service I was drafted from the militia never volunteered or substituted another person I was in no battle or engagement – but was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis at York. The whole amount of the several times of service was not less than six months. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person now living whose testimony I can conveniently procure other than that hereto annexed who can testify to my service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of

the agency of any State of the union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Lankford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Lankford". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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I George Schools¹ of the County of King & Queen being first duly sworn before Lee Boulware & Reuben M Garnett justices of the peace in and for the County of King & Queen do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Lankford now of Chesterfield County but during the period of the revolutionary war of King & Queen County – that he did several times served as a drafted militia man during the war making in all at least six months – that Captain John Pollard, Lieutenant Samuel Hoskins, Captain Philip Pendleton & Captain Philip Taliaferro all from King & Queen were officers having command & field Officers Colonel Mathews & Colonel Holt Richeson – but I do not recollect the number of the Regiment nor the particular dates of service but the said Lankford was discharged after the taking of Cornwallis at the siege of York and is now 69 or 70 years old.

S/ Geo. Schools

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geo - Schools". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

[Note: pp 19-20 of this file are documents relating to Elijah Lankford S34953 of the Maryland Line.]

¹ [George Schools S6057](#)