

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Locke (or William Starr) S8857

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State of Ohio, Jefferson County SS

On this 28th of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas of said Jefferson County now sitting, William Locke, otherwise called William Starr, a resident of Ross Township in said County of Jefferson, aged eighty-eight years the first day of March last, who being duly sworn according to law on oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted as a private, in the service of the United States, at Brown's Mill, Frederick County, in the State of Virginia, in the company of Light dragoons, raised by order of Governor Jefferson of the State of Virginia, sometime in the latter part of the month of December 1779, or near as declarant can recollect, with Captain Reed (whose Christian name declarant does not remember) then the commander of said Company – this Company was an independent Company of state troops, and not attached to or connected with any Regiment – this declarant enlisted for during the war – The next spring after his enlistment, Captain Reid resigned his command, or quitted the Army for some cause, and the command of the Company then devolved upon Captain Armand or Among [sic, Tuffin Charles Armand, Marquis de la Roueire], a French officer, who commanded the company for some months, and then the command of the Company devolved upon Captain Armistead of Virginia, who continued to serve as Captain until the close of the war. This declarant further says, that he thinks John Goodall was the first Lieutenant of the Company, when he first enlisted & William Tingsley or Tinsley 2nd Lieutenant – who continued to serve as such during the War – William Graves officiated as the quartermaster of said Company. This declarant further states that he was honorably discharged at the close of the war, he thinks in September 1781 or 1782 – Before the company was discharged, it was marched to Richmond Virginia, and this declarant feels certain, that his discharge was signed by Governor Jefferson. This declarant at the time of his enlistment resided in Frederick County in the State of Virginia. He was at the battle of Yorktown, and actively engaged in that action – during his service he was often employed as an express rider, & in that capacity traversed every part of Eastern Virginia. This declarant further states, in explanation of the fact of his having to names, that he is by birth an Englishman, and was pressed into the service of Great Britain in the City of London, near the beginning of the revolutionary war, and landed at Long Island, from where he deserted from the British Army – His real name is William Starr, but after his desertion from the British Army he changed his name to William Locke, and by that name enlisted in the American service as above stated. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ William Locke, X his mark

[Note: There is a letter dated June 3rd, 1843 in which reference is made to the return of the veteran's pension certificate as evidence of his death and in order to claim the arrearages due him up to the time of his death. The letter was sent from Steubenville and signed by S. Stokely. Presumably the veteran died some short time prior to the date of that letter. The date of his death is not set forth in this file.]

[Note: Although the description of the services do not match, it is possible that this veteran is the same as William Lock VAS957 transcribed and posted in this database 10/16/2013.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia Cavalry.]