

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Lafon W1785

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State of Kentucky Jessamine County Sct

On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1848 personally appeared before me Wm Bronaugh an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs Anna Lafon a resident of the said County and State aged about 74 years who after being first duly sworn according to law Doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision of an act of Congress passed 29<sup>th</sup> July 1848 Entitled an act for the relief of Certain Surviving widows of officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary Army." Towit That she is the widow of Richard Lafon deceased late of the County of Jessamine and state of Kentucky who was as she verily believes a Private or noncommissioned officer in the Virginia Continental line in the Army of the Revolution and continued some time in the service That she cannot specify the officers under whom he served and for the names of the same as well as the particulars and duration of the service afsd she will most respectfully ask leave to refer to the Records of the Department She further declares that she was married to her said husband previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety eight

She further declares that her said husband departed this life on the [blank] day of August 1824 and that since his death she has never again married but still remains his widow

[Final paragraph omitted here.]

Anna herXmark Lafon

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 12th day of April 1782, in the name of Richard Lafon as Serg't of Artillery for £45.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to A Bohanan and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782. Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this

6th day of February 1849.

Jas E Heath AUDITOR

NOTES: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Rich'd. Lafon/ age 17/ height 5 10½/ farmer/ born and residing in King and Queen County/ brown hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 18 Sep 1780 for 18 months. "Transfer'd Feb'y. 6<sup>th</sup> 81 Artil'y."

Anna Lafon apparently signed her full name on a document dated 19 Oct 1857. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 11 Nov 1794 in Powhatan County by Richard Lafon and Ephraim Maxey for the marriage of Lafon to Anne Maxey. There is also a copy of the return by George Smith, a Baptist minister, for the marriage of Rich'd. Lafon to Ann Maxey on 13 Nov 1794.