

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Augustine (Austin) Lawless W2950

Sally Lawless

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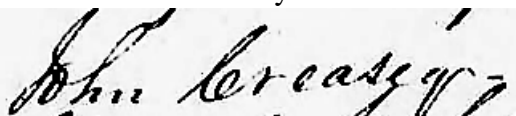
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State of Kentucky Cumberland Circuit Court July Term 1824

It being a Court of record and proceeding according to the rules of the common law and by Statute, personally appeared in open court John Creasey and made oath that he was acquainted with Augustin (alias) Austin Lawless now a Citizen of Adair County State of Kentucky in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia, he being the same Augustin (alias) Austin Lawless who is applying to the government for a pension, and who applied to the Honorable Judge Tompkins Judge of the Adair Circuit Court on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1819,<sup>1</sup> as appears from said Judge's Certificate of that date; and he knows & states from his own knowledge, that the said Augustin (alias) Austin Lawless enlisted in the Army on the Continental establishment in the Virginia Continental line in the year 1776 under Captain Richard Booker for three years, that he served the full term of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged and afterwards enlisted again under the same Officer for three years in the same Continental establishment, and served out the full term of his enlistment, and was again honorably discharged.

S/ John Creasey



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State of Kentucky Adair County Sct. Circuit Court September Term 1824

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1824 personally appeared in open Court It being a Court of record for the Circuit of Adair Augustian [sic] Lawless aged Seventy Two, a Resident in the County of Adair and said Circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as followeth: (To wit) three years in Captain Ragsdale's [probably Drury Ragsdale's] Company Major Holman's [perhaps Christian Holmer's?] Battalion Colonel Dohicke Randle's Regiment being the term for which he was enlisted that he again enlisted for 3 years in Captain Lewis bookers Company Major Holman's Battalion Colonel Charles Harris' [Charles Harrison's] Regiment General Knox's [Henry Knox's] Brigade all of Continental establishment and that he was honorably discharged for a further explanation referred to his application made to this Court on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1819 which said application he makes part of this and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner

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<sup>1</sup> Evidently the veteran's original application dated it 1819 was lost. There is no copy of it in this file.

whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (to wit) no property of any kind either real or personal except his wearing apparel, the property which was described in his application of the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1819 he has been compelled to dispose of long since for the purpose of paying his just debts. He has a wife living with him about the same age of himself who is much afflicted with various diseases, he has no children living with him.

S/ Augustin Lawless

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

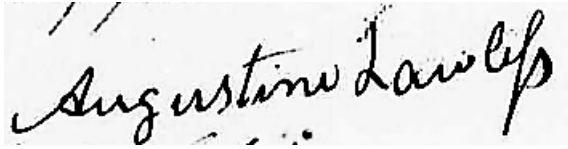
On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1825, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the Circuit of Cumberland Augustin Lawless aged seventy-three years, a resident in the County of Adair and in said Circuit who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and the First May 1820, that he, the said Augustin Lawless enlisted for the term of three years in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Ragsdale Major Holman's Battalion in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dohicke Randall in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of his said term of enlistment of three years when he was discharged from the said service in the town of Little York in the State of Virginia and that a short time previous to the expiration of his said term of three years he again enlisted for the term of three years in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Lewis Booker in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment and that shortly after he is said second enlistment he was marched to the state of New Jersey and at a place called the White Plains was attached to a brigade commanded by General Knox, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until his said term of three years had again expired when he was again discharged from the said Service in Morristown State of New Jersey.

That he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Monmouth Court house [June 28, 1778] and in a skirmish at a place called Kings-bridge and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the affidavit of John Creasy he having parted with the possession of his said discharges for other purposes so that it is not now in his power to produce them.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatever. I was by occupation a farmer but through age and bodily infirmity am unable to pursue it. I have residing with me a wife aged about 73 years who is also much

afflicted with bodily infirmity and unable to assist me in procuring a livelihood, a widowed daughter with 3 helpless children who cannot contribute to his support.

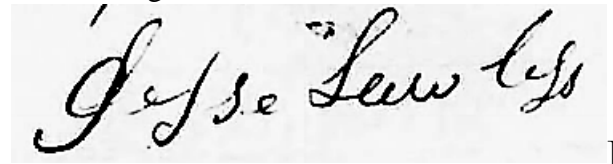
S/ Augustine Lawless

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

[Cyrus Walker and Richard A Buckner gave a supporting affidavit as to the character of the applicant and his reputation as a soldier of the revolution.

[p. 9: On November 18, 1837 in Russell County Kentucky, Sarah Lawless, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Augustine (alias) Austin Lawless who was a private in the Regiment of Colonel Harrison in the Army of the revolution; that she was married to him in the year 1781 and that her husband died October 19, 1832. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: On October 24, 1838 in Russell County Kentucky, Jesse Lawless, 55 years old the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1838, gave testimony that he is the son of Augustine and Sally Lawless; that he is the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of his parents their first born and in front having died not named in the month of October 1782; that 3<sup>rd</sup> child, Polly Lawless now Polly Statin was born in 1784 in the month of October; their 4<sup>th</sup> child Susannah Lawless now Susanna Hambleton was born in the month of December 1785; their 5<sup>th</sup> child Edward Lawless was born in the month of December 1786; their 6<sup>th</sup> child Reuben Lawless was born in the month of January 1788; their 7<sup>th</sup> child Benjamin Lawless was born in January 1789; their 8<sup>th</sup> child William Lawless was born In may 1790; their 9<sup>th</sup> child John Lawless was born in the month of June 1792; that 10<sup>th</sup> child James Lawless was born in August 1794.

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

[p 20: An extract from the records of Cumberland County Virginia showing the marriage of Augustin Lawless and Sally Dillon both of Littleton parish on November 14, 1781.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 15, 1825, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$108 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for the services of her husband as a Corporal of artillery.]

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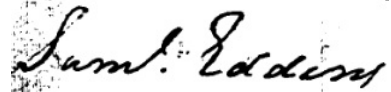
Addendum to Augustine (Austin) Lawless W2950

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 20 Aug 2020.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). One document in the file is illegible.]

I do hereby Certify that Austin Lawless late a Corporal in my Company of the first Regiment of Continental Artillery has served therein from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven to the — day of — one thousand seven hundred and eighty when he was discharged his term of service then expiring

[illegible] 1<sup>st</sup> 1783. Sam'l Eddins [Samuel Eddins BLWt683-300 ]  
Captn Artillery



Austin Lawless was discharged in the month of January 1780.

M Carrington Capt [Mayo Carrington VAS596]  
5<sup>th</sup> V Reg't



Cap Mayo Carrington is hereby Authorized to settle my account of pay with the Auditor [illegible] the within Certificate  
Austin hisXmark Lawless

Witness/ E Norvill