

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Landers (Landres) W3831

Nancy Landers

f45VA

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State of Virginia Allegheny County to wit

On the 17th day of March 1834 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of said County in open Court Thomas Landers a resident in the County and State aforesaid, aged Seventy-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. –

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States, in the year 1778 with Captain Samuel Pettis and served in the 3rd Virginia Regiment, under the following named officers. He enlisted under Captain Samuel Pettis for the Term of three years, first Sergeant of the Company was named Jesse Jollet [could be Jesse Pollet]. The Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor] and Major Roberts [John Roberts], he served a tour of 3 years and was discharged at Winchester in the State of Virginia, on the 15th day of November 1781. He resided in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia at the time he enlisted; he was in no engagements during his service, He was confined to the State of Virginia during his Service, to wit: At the Barracks in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia, and at Winchester in the said State, at each of which places he was detained in guarding British prisoners. –

He received a written discharge from the Service which he has since lost, and is not in possession of any documentary evidence, by which he can prove his service and the only evidence, he can now produce is the affidavit of John Wright,¹ who was with him during the greater part of his Service, and whose affidavit accompanies this declaration. 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 any agency in any State, Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Landers, X his mark

State of Virginia Allegheny County: I John Wright of the said County of Allegheny and State aforesaid hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Thomas Landers who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that I believe him to be 75 years of age, that I knew him whilst he was in the War of the Revolution during the greater part of his service, as above stated and that I verily believe, that he served the Term of 3 years as a private in the Army of the Revolution as above stated.

S/ John Wright, X his mark

¹ [John Wright W6588](#)

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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 26th day of May 1783, in the name of Thomas Landers, as a Soldier of Infantry for £30.5.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Edward Hawkins and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
24th day of February 1836.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[p 5: On January 3, 1846 in Allegheny County Virginia, Nancy Landres filed an application under the 38 act for a widow's pension as the widow of Thomas Landres, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him in Botetourt County Virginia in the month of March 1791; that they were married by Parson Mitchell; that her husband died in August 1839 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: John McCluer gave testimony on June 17, 1846 in Botetourt County Virginia that he was well acquainted with Thomas Landres both before and after his marriage with Nancy Biggs; that he believes their marriage occurred sometime before 1793; that they lived together as man and wife.]

[p 8: On June 30, 1855 in Monroe County Virginia, the widow, 94, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. He is widow was pensioned in a like amount.]