

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lear W3833

Hannah Lear

f30VA

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State of Virginia Fauquier County: SS

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid, Hannah Lear, a resident of the said County aged seventy-one years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1838 entitled "An act granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of William Lear, who was a private in Captain Rogers's Company of Cavalry in the Illinois Regiment, commanded by Colonel Clark [presumably George Rogers Clark]. She further declares that she was married to the said William Lear on the \_\_ day of August 1787 in the County of Fauquier aforesaid by the Reverend Parson Thompson; That her husband the aforesaid William Lear died on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1816. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1790, viz. at the time above stated.

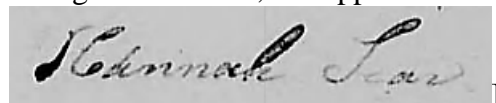
S/ Hannah Lear, X her mark

Virginia Fauquier County: SS: This day William Carver a credible witness aged 75 years personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the aforesaid County and made oath that he has been acquainted with the within named Hannah Lear, about forty-eight years and with her late husband the within named William Lear from that time until his death; that he remembers said Lear received bounty land for his Revolutionary Services & sold it to one Aaron Moore, of Shenandoah County Virginia – He also states on oath that the said Hannah Lear has remained a widow ever since the death of said William Lear. Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838.

S/ W. H. Gaines, JP

[p 6: copy of a marriage bond dated August 8, 1787 issued in Fauquier County Virginia to William Lear and John Darnall conditioned upon the marriage of William Lear and Hannah Bailey.]

[p 27: in a affidavit dated March 16, 1843 filed in **Fauquier County** by the widow then giving her age as about 76, she appears to have signed this document as follows



Hannah Lear ]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 for her husband's service in the Illinois Regiment as a cavalryman.]

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: There is an 8 page file containing documents whereby Mary and James Lear of Fauquier County Virginia made a claim for bounty land due their father, William Lear for services under a Captain "Rodgers". In addition, there is an affidavit given by James Lear, brother of William Lear, in which he says his brother served 3 years under a Captain "Rodgers." Unfortunately the documents in this file are so poorly copied as posted online that they could not be transcribed in whole. Consequently, I did not attempt to make transcriptions of the small portions thereof that can be discerned. Based on the fact that the claim was made in Fauquier County and that the veteran William Lear is said to have served under a Captain "Rodgers", I thought it possible that this documentation may relate to the above referenced veteran. It is possible, however, that it relates to an entirely different veteran by that same name.]