

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ephraim Lands W4066

Polly Lands

f28VA

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[The transcriptions of the first two applications appearing in italics below were taken from documents posted on the I and nternet: the text of these applications do NOT appear in either the HeritageQuest or Fold3.com versions of for this applicant. Does anyone know where the originals of these documents are: they might be in the court minutes of Stokes County in the NC Archives. As of 8/19/13, I could not find these documents posted on the Internet again except as posted in this database. If anyone knows who transcribed the applications, I would appreciate hearing from them so that I can give credit where credit is due. Thanks.]

*State of North Carolina, Stokes County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Stokes County September Term 1821*

*On the 13th day of September 1821 personally appeared in open court, being a Court of record proceeding according to the common Law, with Jurisdiction unlimited in amount and having the power of fines and imprisonments, Ephraim Land aged eighty three years on the fifteenth day of October resident in Stokes County in said State who being first duly sworn according to law, on his Oath declares that he served in the revolutionary War as follows, that he enlisted in the year 1775 after the commencement of the war in Amelia county in Virginia, in Capt. Charles Woodson's Company Colonel Abraham Bluford's [sic, Abraham Buford] Regiment in the Virginia line, that he served from that time as a private Soldier for six years and three months and was discharged about nine months before the close of the war, in Consequence of being disabled by a wound in the hand at the Reedy fork in Guilford in 1781, that he was in Colo. Washington's defeat at the Santee, and at Colo. Buford's defeat at the hanging Rock, and was wounded in the hand in a skirmish at the Reedy fork in the spring of 1782 by a Musket ball, he has never before attempted to obtain a pension. I Ephraim Land do solemnly swear that I was a resident of the United States on the 18th of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift; sale or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities Contracts debts due to me, nor do i have any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.*

*I Bed 6 pewter plates 1 Dish 1 Basin A spinning wheel and Cards 7 or 8 lbs cotton 1 Hoe 1 Axe I live with my wife aged Sixty, and a little Granddaughter about nine, my children have all left me, I live by cultivating a little patch of ground, which when able I dig up with my hands with difficulty being lame, I am very old infirm and poor, have always been crippled and disabled in my hand since my wound and stand in need of the assistance of my Country for support.*

*S/ Ephraim Lands, X his mark*

*The Court adjudge that the property contained in the schedule is about worth twenty Dollars & that the*

*facts stated in the declaration are true*

*Sworn to and declared in open Court this thirteenth September 1821.*

*State of North Carolina Stokes County Superior Court April Court 1826*

*At a Superior Court of Law holden for the County of Stokes aforesaid this 18th day of April AD 1826 the same being a Court of Record Ephraim Land aged ninety five years resident in the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina who being first duly Sworn according to Law in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st of May 1820 doth on his oath make the following declaration that he the said Ephraim [sic] Land Enlisted in the year 1775 after the Commencement of the Revolutionary War in Amelia County Virginia in Capt. Oba. Woodson's Company Colo. Abraham Buford's Regiment in the line of the State of Virginia the precise day not Recollected, first for the Term of Eighteen Months and before that time was quite out he Enlisted as a private Solder for Six years & three months and was discharged in consequence of a wound in the hand which disabled him, which wound was done by accident. That he was at Col. Buford's defeat at the Hanging Rock & that he was in Colo. Washington's defeat at the Santee that when he was discharged his commander whose name he does not now Recollect told him that it was not necessary to have a written discharge as his wound which was done by accident while in the Service would be a Sufficient discharge he has no other Evidence now in his power than his own oath old age & poverty have now Reached him & he is now dependent on the charity of the County & a Pauper And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820 I Ephraim Land do Solemnly Swear that I was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818 that I have not Since that time by Gift sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so 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 the 18th day of March 1818 & 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 above what little labour I can do with my hands upon a little patch of Ground which is with Great difficulty one hand being lame and disabled ever since my wound and what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed & by me Subscribed 1 Bed & furniture 5 pewter plates 1 Dish 1 Bason 1 Wheel & Cards 2 Hoes, 1 pot, 1 ax 6 Spoons 5 Knives & Forks The Whole Worth \$20. My wife lives with me who is about Eighty years age who is very infirm I have a Grand daughter living with me Whom I have Raised. My Children have all left me and Add nothing to my Support.*

*S/ Ephraim Land, X his mark*

*Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court*

*S/ Thos- Armstrong Clk.*

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the justices of said court now sitting Ephraim Lands, a resident of said County of Stokes, and now of the age of 100 years & three months and being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832: That he entered the service of the United States of the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit, I was born in Orange County Virginia in the year 1732, as to a record of my age I have none & there is none that I know of, when called into service I lived in Amelia County Virginia. Since the Revolutionary war I lived in Henry County Virginia & Stokes County North Carolina, and now live in said County of Stokes: I was first called into service by volunteering in the Virginia Militia, I went under Captain Watson, went under Colonel Abraham Buford, and served a tour of six months, & one or two others. I enlisted at Amelia Court house in Virginia year not remembered but it was near the first of the War, in the Virginia Continental line, under Archibald Perkins, I was placed under Captain Wallis, Lieutenant Porter,

Colonel Abraham Buford, General Scott, I was in Buford's defeat at Hanging Rock [May 29, 1780], and Colonel Washington's [William Washington's] defeat on Santee in S. C. & many skirmishes, as to discharge, I received a written one from my Captain in South Carolina, but it is lost or worn out, I being wounded by a musket ball in the hand, which is visible yet, as to persons who can testify to my veracity and services I state that I am well known to Benjamin Jones, and James Wright, and John Bannon, all now living in the said County of Stokes, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, Territory or district:

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. I the said war from the lands served in all six years & three months: was enlisted during the war.

S/ Ephraim Lands, X his mark

S/ M. Hill, C.C.C.

[James Wright, a clergyman, Benjamin Jones & John Banner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Benjamin Jones to swear to and subscribed to the forgoing certificate informs me that he can testify that the said Ephraim Lands did enlist with Archibald Perkins at Amelia C. H. Virginia and did serve under Captain Wallace, Lieutenant Porter, under the command of Abraham Bluford (Colonel) in the Virginia Continental line. I was not aware of this when the declaration was drawn, nor do I suppose it will matter so much since list of the regular soldiers exist in the War Department, on which I have no doubt the name of the applicant will be found. September 16, 1832

S/ R. Murchison, Att. for appl.

[p 4: On August 28, 1840, in Stokes County, Polly Lands, 79, filed for a widow's pension; she states she married Ephraim in September 1792 in Rockingham County, NC, in a ceremony performed by John Leek Esquire, JP, at the house of Mr. John Gibson; that she and Ephraim had two children, a daughter named Unity born in May 1793; and a son, Zachariah born August 31, 1795; that Ephraim died October 4, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Sally Shelton (who maiden name was Bolin), 63, a relative of Polly Lands (relationship not stated) gave testimony supporting Polly's application in which Sally states that Polly's maiden name was also Bolin.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]