

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lanning W4711

Sarah

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[fn p. 11]

State of North Carolina Buncombe County

On this 18th day of October personally appeared in open Court before the judge of the Superior Court of law & Equity now sitting for the County of Buncombe John Laning a resident of the said County and State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he is about the age of seventy-five years -- that he first entered the service in the militia of North Carolina in the County of Rowan as a substitute for his father Joseph Lanning under the following named officers to it Capt. Robert Moore, Major James Smith, Col. Alexander Martin, and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], from Rowan, the troops were marched to a place called Campbelton near Fayetteville North Carolina, that the troops to which he was attached were there discharged or rather they were marched back to their own neighborhood and there dismissed having served twenty-eight days for this tour of service he never had a discharge in writing the precise time he entered the service he does not remember but believes it to have been some time in the year 1776. That he again entered the service in the County of Rowan under Capt. Robert Moore, Major James Smith Col. ___ Lock [sic, Francis Locke] & General Rutherford that this time he was with General Rutherford in his expedition against the Cherokees and was at the burning of the Valley towns: -- this time he served 3 months returning home he was met by his father with a horse in the neighborhood of Sherrill's Ford on the Catawba [River] and was permitted to quit the Company and return home for this service he never had a written discharge. Met on the 20th March 1779, he again entered the [service] as a volunteer in the Company Commanded by Capt. Armstrong as he believes & Lieut. Richard Graham, that his Capt. was several times changed that from Rowan where he entered the service he was marched through South Carolina & crossed the Savannah River a mile below Augusta remaining there a few days they recrossed the River they were marched towards Charleston SC where they joined General Butler's division as he is in pressed as he believes in the neighborhood of Ashley River. That he was in the battle of Stono, that he was in no general engagement save that of Stono though he was in frequent skirmishes with foraging parties &c, that he was discharged about 8 miles from Stono, as per discharge of 2nd July 1779. That some months the precise time after his arrival at home he entered the service in Capt. Lopp's Company of Cavalry in the County of Rowan at this time he found his own horse and served for 2 months at the expiration of which time he was permitted to quit the service there being then no further call for the services of Capt. Lopp's Company of Rangers.

He states that he does not remember the particular dates of his entering the service save

the that for which he has a discharge that he has no other documentary evidence save the one discharge and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity save the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State.

When and where were you born?

I was born in Bradenton in New Jersey on or about the 27th of February 1757 and I have the record of my age in a Bible.

I lived in the County of Rowan and each time I entered the service since the revolution I have lived in the Counties of Rowan & Buncombe in the State of North Carolina in the latter of which I now live.

Twice I entered the service as a substitute and twice I volunteered when substituted it was for my father Joseph Lanning

I have already stated all that I now remember of the regular officers who were with the troops where I served, and as to the Continental and militia regiments and the general circumstances of my service.

I never received any written discharge save the one given by Lieut. Richard Graham.

Sworn to in open Court October 20, 1832

S/ J. Roberts, Clk

S/ John Lanning, X his mark

[Eldad Reed, John Reed, & Richard Sumner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 44: Thomas Stradley, a Baptist minister gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On September 25th 1843 in Buncombe County North Carolina, Sarah Lanning, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Lanning, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$31.33 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Rowan County North Carolina in October 1783; that her husband died August 10, 1839; that she remains his widow; that she has a family record of her age and the age of her husband and the births of their children.]

[fn p. 4: Family Register]

Joshua Whiteaker senier was born on the twenty 2nd of January ano domini 1735

Mary the wife of Joshua was born on October the 30 firs anno domini 1748

John Whiteaker eldest Son of Joshua and Mary was born on the 15th of September anno domini 1765

Sairah Eldest Daughter was born on munday the 7th of december anno domini 1767

Joshua was born on the 9th of June anno domini 1769

William was born on the 22 second of november 1772

Mary 2d daughter was born on the 3d of January 1775

James was born on the third of April 1779

John Lanning was born on the twenty seventh of february 1757

Sairah Lanning was born on munday the 7th of December 1767

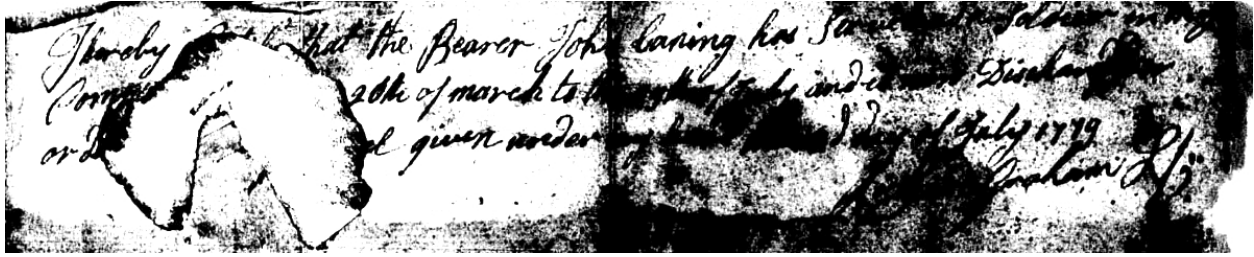
Enos Lanning eldest Son ? John and Sairah was born on Friday the 8th of october anno domini 1784

Amos second son was born satirday the 18th of November 1786

Joseph third Son was born Sunday the fourth of Jenuary 1788

Mary first daughter was born on thursday the twenty third of September anno domini [illegible]¹

[fn p. 20—discharge]



[Veteran was originally pensioned at the rate of \$31.33 per annum for 9 months 12 days service in the revolution.]

¹ The War Department abstractor small "1790."