

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Lawson W5019

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State of North Carolina } SS.

County of Stokes }

On this 24th day of August 1840 before me Charles Banner one of the Justices of the peace of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions of the County aforesaid, personally appeared Elizabeth Lawson a resident of said County aged Seventy five years in October next, who being sworn according to law at her own place of residence doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th July 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, that she is the widow of Moses Lawson, who was a private Militia soldier in the war of the Revolution and he entered the service of the United States and served as he related to her as follows (Viz) three months Tour and was in the Battle of Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780] in Capt. Joseph Clouds Company and a Tour of Six month under a Capt. [Henry] Smith or Capt. Meridith [probably Meredith] to South Carolina & was in a battle at a place Call'd Briar river or Creek in the South [Battle of Briar Creek GA, 3 Mar 1779] and other Tours ranging after Tories she does not recollect but begs leave to refer the pension Department to Mr. Lewis Wolf [or Wolff, pension application W4403] & Jacob Hilsipeck [sic: Jacob Hilsabeck, S7013] with whom he served & others. She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Lawson on the tenth day of Novem'r. Seventeen hundred and eighty nine: (her maiden name was Bradley) by the Rev'd. ___ Moore a Babtist preacher in Caswell County North Carolina. But her place of Residence was in Hallafax [sic: Halifax] County in Virginia and went over the state line to be married. William Bryant [William Bryan] & her sister in law Elizabeth Lawson will Testafy the marriage, that her husband the aforesaid Moses Lawson died in Stokes County on the 26th day of October 1813, 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 Seventeen hundred & ninety four at the time above stated, that whilst they lived together in union as man & wife she had Eleven Children born of her body (towit) the first was Joshua Lawson born in Septem'r 1790 in then Surry County being the same year that said County was divided [sic: in 1789] & formed Stokes County a part of Surry. the next was Levina about two years between the Births of each child, the 3^d was Jesse, 4th John, 5th Fanny, 6th Sally, 7th Peggy, 8 Heneritta [spelled Henrietta in notes included in the file], 9th James, 10th Moses and the last was Nancy there being no record at present of their Births it being distroyed in a house consumed by fire some years ago —

She further declares that she is afflicted with Rheumatic pains & other Bodily diseases that it is entirely out of her power to be moved to the Court of the County a distance about twenty five miles to made a Declaration in Court if she never was to obtain a pension, which I am satisfied is the truth

Sworn and subscribed the day and year first above write before me

Elizabeth herXmark Lawson

[Supporting depositions were made by Elizabeth Lawson, 76, widow of John Lawson, and by William "Bryant" (signed "William Bryan" in a deposition for the widow of William Hooker W10119), 73, resident of Patrick County VA. William Bryan deposed that he was a cousin of Moses Lawson and stood beside Elizabeth Bradley at her marriage to him. Part of his deposition and that of Elizabeth Lawson are missing.]

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Be it known that on this 16th day of September 1840 before me Charles Banner one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Lewis Wolff a Pensioner of the United States aged about Eighty two years who is a person of Respectability for probaty & truth, who being duly sworn according to law to declare what he knows of Services rendered by a certain Amos Moses Lawson as a Soldier in army of the United States in time of the Revolutionary War, declares on his oath, that he knew said Lawson well, that the served a Tour

of three months together he thinks some time in June or July 1780. they met at old Richmond Surry Court house [now in Yadkin County] North Carolina said Lawson was a horsman private in Capt. Cloud's Company & this Deponant in Capt. Jo Philips [Joseph Philips's] Company and Colo. [Benjamin] Cleveland Colo [Isaac] Shelby Colo. [William] Campbell & Mag'r. Winston [Maj. Joseph Winston] were the field officers. We were marched circuitous routes towards South Carolina in pursuit of an Army of British and Tories and at length when very much fateagud both men & horses in Septem'r. or October 1780 we overtook the army of British & Tories at Kings Mountain where we faught a Battle where the British & Tory Commander [Maj. Patrick Ferguson] fell we slew about 350 it was said lay dead on the ground & the Ballance we took prisoners & march'd them to old Moravian Town in the then Surry County from which we started. I frequently saw said ~~Amos~~ Moses Lawson & knew him. he had a bullet shot through the crown of a Macarony hat (as they were call'd at that time) in the Battle and after the march'd the prisoners to the old Town aforesaid, said Lawsons horse took sick & died when the officers furnished him with another horse & he started home to where he lived in the North end of the County. this Deponant thinks said Amos [sic] Lawson was a Volunteer soldier & a brave fellow Sworn and subscribed the day & year above mentioned before me Lewis hisWmark Wolff

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Be it known known that on the 17th day of September 1840 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Stokes aforesaid, personally appeared Jacob Helsepeck a pensioner of the United States aged seventy seven years, and a respectable citizen for his veracity, probaty & truth in the County aforesaid and he being duly Sworn according to law to declare what he remembers of ~~Amos~~ Moses Lawson serving as a soldier in the Army of the Revolutionary war, declares on his oath that he was well acquainted with said Amos [sic] Lawson and served one Tour with him in the same company commanded by Captain Henry Smith the exact date he does not recollect, but they turned out on the call for a five months Tour and march'd old Richmond Surry County N. Carolina to Salisbury & joined head quarters under the command of General [Griffith] Rutherford where the said ~~Amos~~ Moses Lawson was put in the same mess with this Deponant and from thence march'd through Charlotte in Mecklenburg County N Carolina and was stationed there some length of time, then march'd into South Carolina through a number districts to the Savanah River where it was agreed on by the officers for a detachment of the army to cross the river when they Beat up for Volunteers to go over & attact a party of the enemy by surprise. when this said Amos [sic] Lawson went over with the detachment and at that adventure the Battle of Brier Creek happened the said detachment had to retreat & a great number of them swam the river & got back to head quarters; and said ~~Amos~~ Moses Lawson lost his gun in the river with part of clothing, which he seemed to hate to talk of his bad luck but was soon supplied with a new suit & another gun & joined in our mess again. he with the rest of the company served in this campaign six months before we were finally Discharged, and was out fully seven months before we landed at our homes. Capt. James Shepperd commanded a Company from the same County of Surry at the same time, the said Amos [sic] Lawson was a brave resolute fellow & good company. he served several other Tours as he informed me tho I dont know it of my own knowledge. Sworn and subscribed the day and year first above mentioned — Jacob hisXmark Helsepeck

NOTE: The file includes a copy of a bond signed by Moses Lawson and John Lawson on 6 Dec 1788 in Caswell County for the marriage of Moses Lawson to Betsey Bradley. On 30 Aug 1843, 8 July 1844, and 13 Oct 1848 Elizabeth Lawson applied for pensions under later acts.