

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Lane¹ W8026

Temperance Lane

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: August Sessions 1832

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Grainger now sitting James Lain [sic] a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged eighty-six on the 22nd day of December next 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 at Lexington Rockbridge County State of Virginia under Captain Samuel Wallis [Samuel Wallace] my Colonel was Colonel William Christian, Major Edminston. I joined my Regiment at Berkeley [?] on the main road & marched to the long Island on Holston [River] against the Cherokee Indians & served three months. I was discharged & returned home in the fall I think it was the last of or first of November – was drafted.

I again entered the service for three months in Rockbridge County State of Virginia under Captain Thomas Harrison & was commanded by Colonel William Trimble & Major Edminston we rendezvoused at Colyer's to march to Point Pleasant on the [one or more indecipherable words] the march commencing where we were joined by General or Colonel Andrew Lewis. I was there discharged & returned home in a few months I was drafted for a 3 months tower [tour] under Captain William Hughes in Rockbridge County State of Virginia & marched to Norfolk Virginia & marched over the Dismal Swamp and had an engagement with the British & Tories this is all the engagement I was in. General Mhulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] was the Commander in Chief. I have no papers or documentary Evidence and that I know of no person in this state whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except John Hill² who statement is enclosed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Roll or agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this 20th day of August 1832

S/ P. S. Cock, D. C.

S/ James Lane, X his mark

[Charles McAnally, a clergyman, and Valentine Molder gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ BLWt26818-160-55

² I did not find a supporting affidavit in this file given by anyone named John Hill, but there are a large number of documents in this file which are either very faint or the handwriting of the scribe defies being deciphered.

1. Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Great Britain I came to Rockbridge County Virginia when about 14 years old & was born the 22nd of December 1746 as well as I can tell.

2. Have you any record of your age if so where is it

Answer I have not now

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer I lived in Rockbridge County Virginia when I was called into service & in the State of Tennessee Grainger County for upwards of thirty years since.

4. How were you called into the service were you drafted did you vote volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer. I was drafted every time

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you recollect and the General Circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Muhlenberg I think was a Continental officer when I served at Norfolk. I was with no other that I recollect I have stated in my declaration every circumstance that I can recollect my [one or more indecipherable words] greatly faded

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer. I do not recollect if I got a discharge I have not got one now.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer besides those who have certified I named John Hall, Obadiah Walters, Alexander Hamilton, Robert Blair

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County of Grainger and State aforesaid James Lane, who, being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

For nine months I served and was drafted as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and for such term of service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of April 1833

S/ James Lane, X his mark

[p 5: On June 25, 1853 in Grainger County Tennessee, Temperance Lane, aged about 65, filed a claim for a pension under the 1853 act stating she is the widow of James Lane, a revolutionary war pension; that she married him in Grainger County Tennessee August 17, 1830; that they were married by Thomas Brown, JP; that her husband died on or about February 4, 1835 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p. 8: James Seymour gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Temperance Lane; that her name prior to her marriage was Temperance Jennings; that he saw temperance and James

Lane married by Thomas Brown in Grainger County Tennessee.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum.]