

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ladd W8079

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State of Virginia New Kent County to wit

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before William H Macon, Ro. Graves, Beverly Crump, Jones are Christian & Thomas Macon – the Court of New Kent County now sitting William Ladd a resident of the County of New Kent and State of Virginia aged seventy-three years 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, That he first entered under Captain Lyddal Bacon of the County of New Kent Virginia – the Colonel was Richmond Allen of said County and State, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1781 and marched to Providence Forge in the said County and after remaining there 8 or 10 days was marched to the Long Bridges in said County where some of the Regular Troops were stationed under the command of General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] and Major Ragsdale (during Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] invasion) – thence he was marched under Captain Jos. Holt [probably Josiah Holt] to the City of Williamsburg and thence to Hampton Virginia where several of the Barges or boats of the enemy were taken when sent ashore for the purpose of plundering and that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781 he returned home. That he again entered the service under the said Bacon in a few days after returning home and continued with him until about the first of May 1781 when he was again permitted to go home. That he again entered the service the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 1781 under Lieutenant Jacob Vaiden commanded by Colonel Richardson and was marched to Malvern Hills in the County of Henrico Virginia – thence to the Brook Bridge about seven miles above Richmond Virginia thence to New Castle in Hanover County Virginia – thence to the Brick House in New Kent County Virginia on York River and thence to the Counties of King and Queen, Gloucester and Middlesex, in which last named County he was discharged the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1781 – that he was at different times during his last enlistment under Colonels Taylor and Ennis [maybe James Innis]. That he resided in the County of New Kent Virginia when he entered the service – he was drafted from the Militia of the County – he was in no battle – he has before stated where he was marched – the first time he was called into service he was with the Continental Army at the Long Bridge in New Kent County Virginia and that General Nelson was in command and that there was at that station a Major Ragsdale – the other part of his service he was with the militia and that he was attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Virginia militia commanded by Colonels Taylor and Goodall, that he has no documentary evidence having lost his discharge – that he knows of no person living in the County except Samuel Moss & Js Williams – who know the fact of his having served in the Army and that his whole term of service was about seven months.

To the 1<sup>st</sup> interrogatory – he answers. That he was born in the year 1760 in the County

of New Kent Virginia.

To the 2<sup>nd</sup> – he has a record of his age which he exhibits to the court and is in these words.

"Wm Ladd was born February the 8<sup>th</sup>, 1760."

To the 3<sup>rd</sup> interrogatory – answer – that he lived in New Kent County State of Virginia when called into service – that he lived in said County & State since the revolutionary war and that he still lives in said County and State.

To the 4<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory – that he was drafted from the Militia of the State

To the 5<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory. That he recollects the names of General Nelson & Major Ragsdale of the Regular Troops and that he served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Virginia Militia

To the 6<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory. That he did receive a discharge from the service, that it was signed by Colonel Taylor and that he has lost the same.

To the 7<sup>th</sup>. That he is known to Samuel Moss and James Williams who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution – and further that William H Macon the presiding member of the Court will certify also as to his character and his belief in his services.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Ladd, X his mark

[James Clopton, a clergyman, and Samuel Moss and James Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 5: On May 12, 1843 in New Kent County Virginia, Mary Ladd, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Ladd, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in New Kent County Virginia December 17, 1778; that they were married by Parson Sample; that her husband died May 9, 1834; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: On January 28, 1845, James Clopton gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William and Mary Ladd of New Kent County; he also was well acquainted with their children the oldest of which is John Ladd now about 63 years old; that John Ladd and the affiant were born in the same year and went to school together; that William and Mary Ladd had 8 children.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.