

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lavender W8080 Sarah Lavender f34VA
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[Note: most of the documents in this file are copies from the court records as opposed to the originals]

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At a court held for Amherst County at the Courthouse on Monday the 17th day of May 1830

William Lavender in proper person came into Court and filed his declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension in these words,
Amherst County Sct.

On this 17th day of May 1830 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the County aforesaid William Lavender resident in said County aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820: – that he the said William Lavender enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the 16th day of January in the year 1778 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Jesse Allen in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor in the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 26th of July 1779 when he was honorably discharged from the service in Charlottesville in Virginia on the 26th of July 1779. That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia and that the following all the reasons for his not having made earlier application for a pension. In the first place because he has been enabled until within a few years past to support himself by reason of his own labor & he was unwilling to become a burden to his Country so long as that ability existed: and in the 2nd place his certificate of discharge having been lost, it was not until lately that he was enabled to procure evidence of his services in the revolution without which evidence he was informed that any application would be useless. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it 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 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 or debts due to me nor have I any income or any property whatever except my wearing apparel. That since the 18th of March 1818 no changes have been made on my property for

possessed none at that time nor have I possessed any sense except my wearing apparel. The said William of Lavender also declares that he is a day laborer that he has no family residing with him except his wife, one daughter and a grandchild from whom he derives but little, and that in consequence of his age and infirmities he is now unable to support himself.

And made oath thereto according to law: and it being proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the said William Lavender did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in his said declaration against the common enemy for the term of eighteen months under an engagement on the Continental establishment & that the said William Lavender owns no property except his wearing apparel. The same is ordered to be certified.

The following are affidavits referred to in the above declaration and orders of court. The affidavit of Thomas Terry Senior taken before me Charles P Taliaferro he of a Justice of the Peace for the County of Amherst the 22nd day of March 1825 in the said County – This affiant being first duly sworn saith that he is well acquainted with William Lavender of the said County and knows that the said Lavender served in the Revolutionary war as a private soldier in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor in the Virginia line on Continental establishment that the said Lavender and this affiant served in the same Regiment, and from the best of affiant's recollection the said William Lavender served at least 18 months in the regular service.

S/ Thomas Terry, X his mark

The affidavit of Walter Christian¹ taken at the house of John Franklin in the County of Amherst before me James Dillard a Justice of the Peace for said County on the 23rd day of March 1825 This affiant being first duly sworn saith: that he is well acquainted with William Lavender of this County and that said Lavender was a regular soldier in the revolutionary war, that this affiant and the said Lavender served in the same Regiment under Colonel Francis Taylor in Captain Allen's Company in the Virginia line on Continental establishment. This affiant served 3 years and 6 months and the said William Lavender served a considerable part of the time at least 18 months if not more.

S/ Walter Christian

The affidavit of Harden Woodroof² of the County of Buckingham taken this 24th day of March 1825 at the house of John Franklin in the County of Amherst before me Charles S Barrett a Justice of the peace for the said County of Amherst.

This affiant being first duly sworn saith that he is acquainted with William Lavender of the County of Amherst, that he knows the said Lavender was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. That this affiant and the said Lavender served in the same Regiment – that the said Regiment was commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor that the said Lavender was enlisted by Captain Jesse Allen and served in his Company and the said William Lavender served about 18 months in the regular service and was discharged at Charlottesville in Virginia.

S/ Harden Woodroof

[p 5: On November 19, 1838 in Amherst County Virginia, Sarah Lavender, 71, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Lavender, a revolutionary war pensioner for his service under Colonel Francis Taylor; that she married him

¹ [Walter Christian W6669](#)

² [Harding \(Harden, Hardin\) Woodroof \(Woodruff\) W3485](#)

April 4, 1781; that her husband died January 17, 1835; that she remains his widow; that they were married by the Reverend Holmes and Episcopal 80 and clergyman at the house of her father John Stratton. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 19, 1830, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]