

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Lovern W8089

Frances Lovern

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Virginia, to wit:

On this 25th day of September 1832, personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Halifax County now sitting Richard Lovern a resident of Halifax County aged seventy-two 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 seventh 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States, to the best of his recollection in the month of August 1778 as a Substitute for my father, Moses Lovern and marched from the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia in a Company of drafted Militia which was commanded by Captain Edward Walker and Lieutenant Edward Tabb through the Town of Petersburg, crossed James River at Mem's ferry and went to Williamsburg, and was stationed at that Place about two weeks under the command of Colonel Bibbin Brookin [??, Robert Brooking, who as only a Captain in the Amelia militia?] and I believe Major William Giles, We marched from thence through York town to Hampton where the Militia from different counties in Virginia were organized and commanded by General Stevens [Edward Stevens], We remained in that Place until our term of service (being three months) expired. We were marched back to Williamsburg and discharged at that place by Captain Walker to the best of my recollection in the month of November 1778 my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I have no documentary evidence & do not know a person living, that was in service with me at that time.

On the 24th day of July 1780, I enlisted in the Army of the United States at Petersburg Virginia with Colonel George Gibson, was attached to Captain Anderson's Company in the 1st Virginia Regiment, under the command of Major Thomas Manyweather [Thomas Meriwether] and the said Colonel Gibson, we were stationed at that Place until sometime in December 1780 we then marched from Petersburg through the Counties of Lunenburg, Charlotte & Halifax crossed Dan River at Boyd's ferry and joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army in the State of North Carolina the 1st Regiment of Virginia troops to which I belonged was then put under the command of Colonel S. Haws [Samuel Hawes]. We remained with General Green marching in various directions not being long stationed at any one place, until we met with the British Army under Lord Cornwallis in the County of Guilford N. C. and fought a severe battle [March 15, 1781] with them, in which engagement the Americans were defeated. I was crippled in the ancle [ankle] by the action; after the Battle was over, I was carried to a Hospital at Constant Purkins' [Constant Perkins'?] on Dan River and stayed there 18 or 19 days – I supposed that my ankle was well enough to travel I left the Hospital and traveled on to the South and

Joined the Army again at Head Quarters on Martin's Creek in South Carolina. I was again attached to Colonel Hawes Regiment, but traveling had produced an inflammation in my ankle and leg that rendered me unfit for service. I was discharged by Colonel Hawes on the 12th of May 1781 and I arrived at home on the 3rd day of June 1781, making the whole time of service rendered under this enlistment ten months & nine days, my discharge was sent to Richmond for the purpose of getting a Certificate for the Pay then due to me for this Service. I have no documentary evidence & know of no man living that was in service with me at that time. I was born in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia in the year 1760, my age was recorded in my father's Bible from which I obtained an extract that is now in my Possession – I resided in the County of Amelia when I entered the Service of the Revolution – I lived in the same County three or four years after the war ended then moved to the County of Charlotte and lived in that County 16 years then moved to the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia & and have lived in that County ever since. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the Present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Richard Lovern, X his mark

[John Guthrey and James H Bates gave the standard supporting affidavit

[p 5: On February 18, 1839 in Halifax County Virginia, Frances Lovern, 69, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Lovern, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him December 18, 1788 and that her husband died March 2nd, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p. 14: record from the clerk of court of Amelia County Virginia indicating that records in his possession show that Richard Lovern and Frances Blankenship were married by the Reverend Thomas Johnston December 18th, 1788.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$42 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months and 18 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]