

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lawless W9109

Mary Lawless

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The Statement of John Lawless on oath Resident in Pendleton County Kentucky this deponent states that he enlisted in the Service of the United States in the year 1776 in August for three years as a private in the Continental line in the Company of Captain Blackwell of the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Danl. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] (afterwards General Morgan), in Fauquier County Virginia, that he was at the taking of General Burgoyne [Battle of Saratoga or Battle of Bemis Heights, October 7, 1777] and was detailed among others to guard the Arms to little York in Pennsylvania and had a furlough from Colonel Buford for 15 days unless sooner called upon and at the Expiration of 9 days of his furlough was called upon to March with some 18 months men to the South under Captain Hogg in Colonel Parker's Regiment, also of the regular establishment, and served out the remainder of his time, mostly in Georgia and received an Honorable discharge from Colonel Hopkins with about 4 miles of Augusta – which discharge he states he gave up to an officer in Richmond when he went to Richmond to draw his ration money he states the Officer's name was Mary whether and that he never drew any bounty land and he knows not that his discharge is now in existence and that from his Reduced Circumstances that he is in need of the Assistance of his Country for support.

S/ John Lawless, X his mark

[Attested May 29, 1818 by William Arnold, Presiding justice of the County Court of Pendleton County Kentucky]

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The statement of Alex Marnoe [sic, Alexander Monroe]¹ on oath this Deponent states that he was also in the service of United States and was in the same Camp with the aforesaid John Lawless and became acquainted with him whilst he served in Woodford's brigade at Valley Forge, and has seen him in the service frequently and believes that said Lawless has given a correct statement of facts.

Pendleton County Sct. May 29th 1818

This day personally appeared before me Jas. King a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Alexander Monroe Senior and made oath that the facts contained in the above deposition to which his name is subscribed or true. Given under my hand the day and date above written.

S/ Jas. King, JP

¹ [Alexander Monroe S16984](#)

Schedule

District of Kentucky Sct.

On this 21st day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being expressly made a court of record by the laws of this state for said District and County of Grant John Lawless aged seventy years on the 11th day of March next, resident in the County and District aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: he enlisted in the regular service on the 10th day of August 1776 for the term of three years in the Company of Captain William Blackwell attached to the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Morgan, in Fauquier County Virginia, that he was in the Battle of Brandywine on the 11th day of September 1779 [sic, September 11, 1777], in the Battle of Germantown at that time [October 4, 1777] under the command of Captain John Marshall, and after Battles of less note the dates not recollected, and was then sent into Virginia with a detachment as baggage guard, with plunder taken from General Burgoyne, under the command of Colonel Buford, he was then put under the command of Captain Hogg, the number of the Regiment not recollected, but commanded by Colonel Parker, and sent into the State of Georgia where he served his time out & was discharged on the 10th day of August 1779 at a Widow Starks's about 9 miles from Augusta between Augusta and Savannah, that place being Head Quarters full Colonel Parker's Army at that time; agreeably to an original declaration dated 15th day of February 1819 and a pension Certificate now in his possession number 46, and 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz.

One horse worth	\$50	amount brot up	\$96.75
Pot mettle value	9	A Second lott hogs	17
Chairs & table	4	2 Cows & Calves	30
Water vessels	1.25	1 yearling	<u>5</u>
Cupboard ware	4		\$148.75
Farming tools	9.50	one note not due	<u>2.50</u>
3 head sheep	3		\$150.25
1 Lott Hogs	<u>16</u>	I stand Justly indebted	
Carried up	\$96.75	to divers persons in the	
		sum of \$33.50	

He further states that he is a farmer, but very infirm and totally incapable to pursue it; and that he has with himself 2 in family, viz.: himself and his wife Polley Lawless aged sixty-six years and very infirm being totally incapable of supporting herself.

S/ John Lawless, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on this 21 August 1820 before

S/ John Trimble, Judge 2nd judicial District State of Kentucky

born in January 1755 and was 93 years old last January; that her maiden name was Mary Stodard [Mary Stoddard?]; That she was married to John Lawless February 7, 1780 in Stafford County Virginia and continued his wife until August 12th, 1847 when he died in Grant County Kentucky; that her husband was a regular soldier in the revolution and at the time of his death was a pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she has been the mother of 9 children by John Lawless; that the oldest of her children if living would be 66 years old; that Henry Lawless, her 2nd child is 63 years old. She files this testimony to obtain the pension due her. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: The veteran died August 12, 1847 in Grant County Kentucky at the house of Urial Tongate; when the widow filed for her widow's pension she was living in the house of her son-in-law Mr. Tongate.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 29, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental service. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]

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Kentucky
John Lawless

John lawless of [?] county in the state of Kentucky who was a private in the regiment commanded by colonel D. Morgan of the Virginia line for the turn of [?]

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky in the rate of eight dollars a month, to commence on the twenty fifth of May 1818

A certificate of pension issued the fifteenth of July 1819 and [?]
Arrears too fourth of September 1818

Mary Lawless widow of john lawless who served in the revolutionary war as a private inscribed on the Roll at the rate of 80 dollars cents per annum to commence on the fourth day of March 1848 certificate of pension issued the 28th day of June 1849 and sent to Seth Lind Williamstown PA [?]

Schedule

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He further states the he is a farmer but very [?] and totally incapable to pursue it and that he has with himself to in family virg himself and his wife palley lawless aged 66 years and were in firm being totally incapable in supporting herself state of Kentucky grant circuit set I [?]

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This day personally appeared performed a justice of the peace for source [?] by Marry Lawless widow of John Lawless did and who is well thrown to nick and made oath that she was born in Jan 1755 in last January that her maiden name was Mary Stodard that she was married to John Lawless 7th of Feb 1780 in Stafford county Virginia and continued his wife until the 12th August 1817 when he died in this county that she is now a widow and has so mourned since his death a [?] and at his death was grounded from the united states that they romanced from Savannah to Bomber county Kentucky and from Bomber to Pendleton and from Pendleton to Grant county where she now resides and has widowed the east county that she has been the resident in by living lived to 66 years old and that Henry Lawless the 2nd lived and is there upon dead that she was never married but to John Lawless and now as his widow applies for her pension from the united states that his pension certificate has been assured where she [?] the pension owed him at his death at how is was

Married before the revolution she feared the records of Stafford county Virginia that she is [?] Grant county Kentucky that she is [?] to by Marry Lawless the 27th May 1818 and I [?] that hath known her for 30 years and believed everything she has stated to be true state Kentucky Grant county this day formally [?] a the United States as a solution of the revolution died at his lands in Grant county on the 12th day of August 1847 of September Mary Lawless his widow that he has [?] them [?] her age then has no doubt that she is 93 years old and the oldest woman in Grant county that from [?] widow she [?] Lawless married in 1780 that he has often heard both John Lawless and Marry his widow [?] in person aged then that they were married in 1780 in Stafford county Virginia that they were married under the old curtain and publishing the barard

Lawless his widow that he always [?] from his father and mother that they were married in February 1780 in Stafford county Virginia that they were married under the old curtain of loving the barard [?] thru Sunday at the Church that he had [?] that his mother is 93 years old and the oldest woman in Grant county that she is still a widow so mourned since his death and was never married [?] to his father [?] I do certify that youriatungate Harry Lawless who have signed and sworn to the annexed deposition before me are persons who live in my neighborhood am well known to me and I certify that they are creditable witness 1848 Lewis Meyers, J.P.G.C state of Kentucky Grant county STC I elis H Smith deputy for William Smith clerk of the county court for the county certify that Lewis Meyers whos name is subscribed to the forgoing certificate is now and was at the time of signing the said justices of the peace for the county of Grant in the state in Kentucky duly commissioned qualified according to law and that due faith and credit are due all his official acts as such and that his signature is genuine

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Addendum to John Lawless W9109

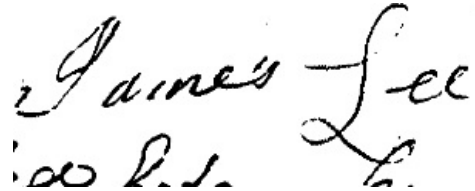
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Kentucky Fayette County Sct

James Lee Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he served in the same company and Regiment with the above named John Lawless in the Revolutionary War and well knows that said Lawless Enlisted for Three years and Served Out that Period As he has Stated in his Affidavit Within.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
7th day of March 1822 and I certify that the
deponent is a credible witness so far as I know.
Matt'w Elder JP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Lee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.