

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension app of Thomas Laughlin W9112  
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State of Kentucky, Whitley County

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared before the Whitley County Court Thomas Laughlin a resident of Whitley County aged seventy years being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832: That he entered the service as a volunteer under the command of Lieut. Samuel Vasser of Washington County Virginia and with his company was stationed at Moore's Station on the waters of Clinch River in the year 1778 or '79 for one month and was discharged. He shortly after volunteered under Capt. Beaty of the same county commanded by Col. Arthur Campbell and marched against the Tories near the three forks of New River. Was in actual service six weeks and was discharged. He again volunteered in Sullivan County North Carolina (now Tennessee) under Ensign Henry King to guard the frontier at Broom's Station on Big Creek. Continued in service one month and was discharged. He again volunteered in the same county and state under Capt. John Pemberton commanded by Col. Isaac Shelby who joined the troops commanded by Col. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Col. Branum [sic, probably Thomas Brandon], Col. Williams [James Williams], Col. Severe [sic, John Sevier] and marched to King's Mountain under the commander in chief Col. William Campbell. In this expedition he served two months and was discharged. He again volunteered in the same county under Capt. Andrew Cowin commanded by Col. Loony & joined Col. Sevier on French Broad River from thence under Col. Arthur Campbell to the Cherokee Nation he served in this expedition two months and was discharged. He again volunteered in the same county under Capt. Thomas Wallace and marched under Col. Isaac Shelby to the high hills of Santee and joined Genl Green from thence under the command of Col. Anthony Bledsoe and Genl Marion in the swamps of Santee. He served on this expedition three and a half months and was discharged about two weeks before the battle of the Utaw Springs [sic, Eutaw Springs]. He served six times faithfully as before stated amounting in all to eleven months. He has no discharge. Nor no documentary evidence of his service nor dose [does] he know of any living testimony by which he could prove his service.

He hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an 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/ Thomas Laughlin

The following interrogations were propounded by the court.

Q 1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Hanover Township Pennsylvania and in the year 1763

Q 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: In my father's family bible now in possession?

Q 3<sup>rd</sup>: Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ans: First in Washington County Va. Then in Sullivan County North Carolina (since Tennessee and now in Whitley County Kentucky the last thirty odd years where I now live.

Q 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service?

Ans: I volunteered

Q 5<sup>th</sup>: State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served.

Ans: Genl Marion, Col. Mahan Col. Henry. Those are all the regular field officers I recollect of being with in the service, of the militia officers at the battle of Kings Mountain were Col. Campbell ,Col. Shelby, Col. Cleveland, Col. Sevier, Col. Brandon, Col. Williams & Genl McDowell

Q 6<sup>th</sup>: State the circumstances of your service

Ans: I first volunteered under Lieut. Samuel Vasser in Washington County Virginia and was stationed at Moors Station on Clinch River one month and was discharged in the year 1778 or 79. 2<sup>nd</sup> I volunteered and served under Capt. Beaty Commanded by Col. Arthur Campbell and marched against the Tories embodied near the Rivers Forks of Mud River Supposed for the purpose of taking the lead mines but they dispersed before we got [there]. On a tour of one & a half month and was discharged. 3<sup>rd</sup> I volunteered in Sullivan County North Carolina under Ensign Henry King to guard the frontier on Big Creek at M Brooms Station. One month and was discharged. I then volunteered in the same county under Capt. John Pemberton commanded by Col. Isaac Shelby and joined the troops under the command of Col. Cleveland, Col. Williams, Col. Sevier, Col. Brandon who was commanded by Col. William Campbell & marched to the battle of Kings Mountain but was not immediately in the battle having been sent with the company after provision for the army, but got on in time to see the enemy stack those arms in this expedition he served two months and was discharged. I again volunteered in the same county under Capt. Calvin commanded by Col. Loony & joined Col. Sevier on French Broad River thence under Col. Anthony Campbell to the Cherokee Nation. We burnt Chota, Chilhowie, Hiwassee & several other small Indian towns killed about 30 Indians & took about the same number of prisoners. I served on this expedition two months and was discharged. I then volunteered in the same county under Capt. Wallace commanded by Col. Isaac Shelby and marched to the high hills of Santee and joined Genl Greene thence under Col. Bledsoe and joined Genl Marion in the swamps of Santee, I was engaged in many Scouts and the British troops lay at Moncks Corner. We took the British piquet guard then marched around the British army and took and burned one of their public stores near the 23 mile house and took about 80 prisoners. I served on this expedition three and half months and was discharged about two weeks before the battle of the Eutaw Springs. I was in the service agreeable to estimation eleven months or upwards.

S/ Thomas Laughlin

Wm Mays a clergyman residing in Whitley County Kentucky and Duncan McFarland residing in the same do certify that we are well acquainted with Thomas Laughlin who subscribed to the above declaration. That we believe him to be about 69 or 70 years of age and that he is reported & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm. Mays, W.G.

S/ Duncan McFarland (both signed)

[fn p. 5: on October 20, 1845, in Whitley County Kentucky, Elizabeth Laughlin, born the 14th of July 1762, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Thomas Laughlin; she states that she married him in the spring or summer of 1785 in Washington County Virginia; that her husband departed this life in Whitley County Kentucky May 29, 1844; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 19: letter dated Abingdon June 11<sup>th</sup> 1845, from Jacob Lynch the clerk of the Washington County, Tennessee court stating that he has searched the record of that County and found no record of the marriage of Thomas Laughlin to Elizabeth Duncan.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 since commencing March for, 1831 for 11 months service in the revolution.]