

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Large: R6164

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State of Kentucky}

County of Lawrence} Sct.

On this 28th day of March AD. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Lawrence County, Milly Large a resident of said County, aged ninety eight years, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed on the 3^d day of March 1843, also the act passed on the 17th day of June 1844, and the act passed February 2^d 1848. That she is the widow of Thomas Large, who was a private in the company commanded by Capt. (not recollected) in the [blank] Regiment of North Carolina Militia, or state troops, commanded probably by Col. [Benjamin] Cleveland Harrison or Middleton & Major Boykin who was under the command of Generals Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] [Francis] Marion or Lee [possibly Col Henry Lee]. That he entered the service of the United States, on or about the [blank] day of [blank] 1779 or 1780, under the above named officers, on Catawba River State of North Carolina, for the term of two years (or perhaps three years) the exact time she does not know. And that he, with William Large and others were rendezvoused at a place called Ran Sowards Mills [Ramsouers Mills interlined; sic: Ramsours Mill on a branch of Catawba River in present Lincoln County NC], where there was some fighting between the Americans and British [20 June 1780], and afterwards, were marched from there into the state of South Carolina, under the same officers, and was in a Battle at a small fort which was taken by the Americans from the British, by Gen'l. Sumpter or the General in Command and his men [Cary's Fort in Kershaw County, 9 Aug 1780]; and after that he was in the Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780], and one on the Wateree in which Col Tarlton defeated the Americans [probably skirmish at Fishing Creek in present Chester County SC where Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton routed Gen. Thomas Sumter on 18 Aug 1780], and from there were marched to a place called Kings Mountain, where another Battle was fought [7 Oct 1780], and British defeated by the Americans. She further declares that she always understood from her husband in his lifetime, that he was in all the aforesaid, and other engagements, and that continued in actual service, under one engagement of two years, (or perhaps three) and an other engagement of ten months, which was for and during the full terms of his enlistments of either two years, and ten months, or three years, and was then honorably discharged at a place unknown to me, on or about the [blank] day of 1780, or 1781, but the names of the officers or the place where he was discharged, she cannot now recollect. She further swears that she does know he had an honorable discharge, and that the same was torn up and destroyed by her son John Large many years ago. She further swears that she has no record or documentary evidence of the services of her husband but refers to the records of the War Department, adjutant Generals office and the Pay Rolls, where she believes the services time of discharge &c of her husband will be found, and her pension granted her. She further swears that she was married to the said Thomas Large on the [?]th day of October Seventeen hundred and eighty two in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia by one John Bailey a minister of the Gospel, that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Large, died in Lawrence County State of Kentucky on the 29th day of September 1827; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the second day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four, (Viz) at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow, and has remained one ever since the death of her husband. that she has never before made any application for a pension. Sworn to & subscribed before me, on the day and year above written. Milly herXmark Large

NOTE: The application of Milly Large was supported by her sister-in-law, Nancy Large, 89, who stated that she witnessed her marriage on 8 Oct 1782. This Nancy Large, widow of William Large, submitted a pension application (R6165) that was virtually identical to the one above. In

the file is a copy of a marriage return by John Bailey from Pittsylvania County VA transcribed as follows:

Memorandum of Marrages

Dec'r 17 1782 James Roberson & Charlott Hollins

Moses Crawford & Susanah Willys 22 D. —

David Crawford & Christian Terry —

Wm. Large & Nancy Furbush 3^d (third) of Jan. 1783 (Seventeen hundred & eighty three)

Thos. Large & Milly Adkins Oct'r. 8 (eighth) 1782 (Seventeen hundred & eighty two)

Robt. Boleman & Bettsey Haines Aust. 17 1782

Sep'r 10 Jno Midkiff & Mary Parsons

Oct'r. 24 Saml. Dunkin & Mary Lawson, also Jno. Walton & Larance Polley married the same day

Dec'r. 2 1782 Petter Freeman & Mary Combs Married by me Jno. Bailey