

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Laney S13684

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State of Kentucky Harrison County Sct.

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Harrison County Court in open Court, William Laney aged 72 years the 12th of August last a resident of said County and State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted in the Army of the United States as a private soldier in the militia thereof and served in that character for three months in the fall succeeding the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. That he was drafted in Frederick County Virginia and immediately thereafter he marched in Colonel Holmes' Regiment from the Round Hill Barracks near Winchester Virginia to Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania said Regiment having marched for the purpose of guarding some prisoners taken by General Morgan at the Battle of the Cowpens. That he remained with his Regiment at the Barracks near Lancaster about two days when he was permitted to return home. That he belonged to Captain Longnecker's Company, that Adam Hyskill [Adam Hiskill] was Lieutenant and John Perrill was Ensign. That Captain Longnecker's Company composed a part of Major John Gillerson's Battalion which belonged to Holmes' Regiment. That he served out his Tour of three months and received a Discharge from Captain Joseph Longnecker which he has lost and therefore he cannot produce it. That he afterwards volunteered as a private Soldier under an engagement to serve three months as a volunteer militia man if his services should be required. That he joined the Army near Winchester Virginia and from thence he marched to the Zanes' Iron works in Frederick County and lay there one day and night & thence he marched to a Creek called Big Capon in said County and thence he marched to General Claypole's farm in another County and from thence to Colonel Brake's farm on North River where we lay five days. On the top of the mountain between Claypole's farm and Brake's farm three men were overtaken by our Regiment who refused to surrender one of whom was killed and the other two made their escape. Some prisoners were taken at Brake's farm and from that place we were all permitted to return home and remain until we should again be called into service. That some short time afterwards he was called upon to join his Company for the purpose of guarding some prisoners from the Round Barracks to Maryland on the Opposite side of the River from Shepherd's Town [Shepherdstown] in the State of Virginia. That he joined his Company in obedience to the call and assisted in guarding said prisoners and was then again permitted to return home. That General Morgan was the officer highest in command and this applicant belonged to Captain Saml. Glass' [Samuel Glass] Company and the Battalion Commanded by Major William Davis. That he does not recollect whether he got a written discharge or not, but he recollects he served out his complete Tour of three months and a little more. That if he ever had a written discharge he does not know where it

is and he knows of no living witness except his brother John Laney by whom he can prove his services. He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Laney, X his mark

The Court propounded the following Interrogatories to the applicant to wit 1st Where and in what year were you born? 2. – have you any record of your age? 3rd – where were you living when called into active service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now reside? 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute? 5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it? 7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. To the first interrogatory he answered that he was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in the year 1760. To the 2nd. He answered that his age is recorded in his father's Bible but it was not in his possession. To the 3rd, he answered that he was living in the state of Virginia in Frederick County when called into service. That he lived in the State of Virginia until the year 1790 & from that time he lived in Kentucky. To the 4th – he answered that this question was answered in the Body of his declaration. To the 5th – he answered that he recollects the names of none of the regular officers except as belonged to the Regiments in which he served. He thinks that an officer of the name of Sniggers was one of General Morgan's aides. To the 6th – he answered that this question is answered in the Body of the declaration. To the 7th he answered that he is known to John Laney of the State of Ohio who is now in Harrison County Kentucky & who knows that this applicant was a soldier of the Revolution. That he is known to John Trimble and John Moore who reside in his present neighborhood & who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Laney, X his mark

I John Laney a resident of Brown County State of Ohio do certify that I am an elder Brother of the said William lane who has made the foregoing declaration. That I resided in Frederick County State of Virginia when said William Lane he entered the service as a revolutionary Soldier in Colonel Holmes' Regiment. That I recollect when he left home to join the Regiment and when he returned after performing his tour of duty. That I also recollect when he entered the service the 2nd time under General Morgan; that I recollect the circumstance of his leaving home to join the Army and that he found his own horse & his own provisions and that he rode a small gray horse. I also recollect when he returned from the 2nd time as I saw him a few days afterwards.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Laney

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Laney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ John Laney".

[John Trimble and John Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]