

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Loyd S8847

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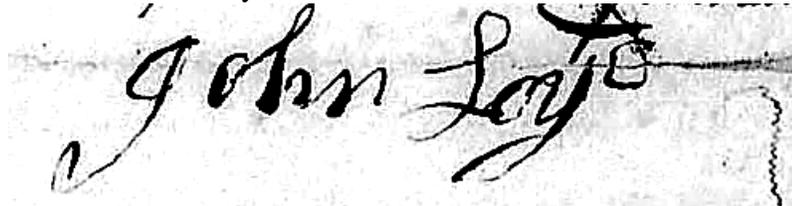
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Virginia

On this 10th day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared before Benjamin Estill Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Washington in the State of Virginia in open Court, being a Court of record John Loyd a resident of Washington aged seventy 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 provision of the act of Congress passed the seventh of June 1832. That he was drafted as a Militia man in the County of Surry in the State of North Carolina he thinks in 1779 or 1780. The draft was made at a place called Richmond being the County seat of Justice, the drafts were detained at that place for about four weeks he was put under the command of Captain Edward Lovell, his Lieutenant was Jonathan Clark he was marched together with four Captains Companies into Orange County, and there joined other troops the whole commanded by a Colonel Isaacks [probably Elijah Isaacs but possibly Samuel Isaacs] but cannot tell his first name – sometime afterwards they were stationed below the Moravian Towns and were then with a body of about fifteen hundred men marched in different directions after the Tories – orders were then received to march towards Hillsboro to reinforce General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army, and on that marched they met a body of the enemy's troops which had got betwixt General Greene and his baggage Wagons at a place near Whiteshells [Whitesell's Mill, Wetzel Mill, etc.] Mill [March six, 1781] on the Reedy fork of the hall River he believes in Orange County – the Detachment was ordered to throw itself between the Wagons and the British troops which was promptly done, by which the Wagons were saved but immediately brought on an attack from the enemy which appear to be the Army under the Command of Cornwallis the disparity of numbers being so great their little band was soon routed and after three rounds fled for safety; in that affair the Applicant was wounded in the left wrist by a Ball and on the head by a Dragoon's saber at the moment he plunged his bayonet into the Dragoon's horse which killed him they then received orders for each one to shift for himself he returned home just before his term of service expired being for six months having served not less than five months in the year 1779 or 1780 as he thinks but cannot recollect perfectly the Year but knows it was the time that General Greene's Army was near Hillsboro in North Carolina. That he remained some months at home and then was again drafted at the same place and placed under the same Captain and was employed during a three months tour in routing the Tories: they were marched into Roan County [Rowan County] scouting about after Captain Fanning [probably David Fanning] who at the head of a band of Tories was doing much injury – then marched back into Surry into the hollows of the Adkin [Yadkin River] endeavoring to take a Captain Roberts

[perhaps Captain James Roberts] who also headed the Tories there – who came in and surrendered himself and his men – was three months on that service – that he never had any regular discharge nor can he prove by any witness the service before stated having moved from Carolina about 45 years ago and settled in Virginia and is now too old and infirm and too poor to go in quest of proof – his only reliance is on a good character and traditionary report – his service was in the capacity of a private Soldier. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State or territory – he was born in the County of Cumberland in Virginia in 1763 thinks the record [of] his age is at home in his family Bible given him by his Father – he has lived since the Revolution some time in Surry in North Carolina and then moved into Washington County Virginia. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Loyd

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Loyd". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Loyd".

[John R Crawford, a clergyman, Charles Barker, and Thomas Fulkerson gave the standard supporting affidavit.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for eight months in the Virginia militia.]