

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Lansdale W13604

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District of Columbia. Washington County to wit:

On this Twenty fourth day of August in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight, personally appeared before the subscriber, chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, Cornelia Lansdale, a resident of Washington County, in the District of Columbia, aged twenty five 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 act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. That she is the widow of Thomas Lansdale who was a Major in General Smallwoods [William Smallwood's] Brigade of the Maryland line, that he enlisted as a lieutenant early in the revolutionary war, & was taken prisoner in Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776] - was afterwards present at the surrender of Yorktown [19 Oct 1781] & continued in service during the whole war, having been twice taken as prisoner - and before the close of the war was promoted to the rank of Major and so continued to the end of the war.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Lansdale on the twelfth day of February, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two, that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Lansdale died on or about the seventeenth day of January in the year eighteen hundred and three, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear, by reference to the proof hereto annexed Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written  
Cornelia Lansdale

NOTES:

Documents from other sources show that Lansdale was commissioned as Captain in the 4<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment effective 1 Jan 1777 and commissioned as Major of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment on 19 Feb 1781. The name of Captain Lansdale also appears on a document headed "A Comparative View of the Officers who are on Parole by Permission of the Commanders in Chief of the British and American Armys Estimated under the Tariff of Exchange as their Ranks do not properly oppose each other," dated 21 Mar 1780 at Perth Amboy NJ, with a "valuation by tariff" of 16.

Other documents in the pension file show that Lansdale died in Prince Georges County MD, and the name of his wife before marriage was Cornelia V. Horn. There is also a family record and other information about their children.