Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lockhart W384

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Prudence Lockhart f66SC 3/29/10: rev'd 9/1/23

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State of Tennessee Warren County} On this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Aron Higinbotham William McGregor & James Rackley they being the Justices of the County Court for the County aforesaid which Court is now sitting John Lockhart a resident of the County aforesaid, aged Seventy three years, who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit that he first entered as a regular soldier in South Carolina, he enlisted under Captain Frank Boikin [sic, Frances Boykin], shortly afterwards he was reassigned. Then he was put under Captain Towles [Oliver Towles] the Lieutenant of his Company was by the name of Daniel Hart, his Major was by the name of Wise [probably Samuel Wise] the Col. was by the name of William Thompson [sic, William Thomson] and his General by the name of Mootery [sic, William Moultrie]. The Lieutenant Col. was by the name of Mason [sic, James Mayson] and he was attached to the third Regiment. He served as a regular soldier better than two and a half years and was in the Battle at Savannah¹ in the State of Georgia when it was taken also at Stono battle² in the State of South Carolina & he was in the Purrysburg in the same State, after he had been in service about two and a half years, he was taken sick and put in the Hospital at Bluford [sic, Beaufort], where he remained for about a month. He then received a furlough & went home & before he recovered his health his time of service as a regular expired.

As soon as he recovered his health he entered into the service as a Militia man under Captain John McClure, it was in the fall season he thinks it was in October John Steele was the Lieutenant of McClure's Company, Major Nixon [probably then Lt. Col. John Nixon] had command over that his Company for a part time, the Colonel of the Regiment was Edward Lacey and ___ Magriff [sic, probably Patrick McGriff]. He was under the Command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. He volunteered in South Carolina and rendered all of his services as a militia man in that State whilst he served as a militia man he was in the battle[s] [of] Congaree, Hanging rock, 4 at Thompson's Fort 5 and also at Santee bluff, 6 he continued to serve until

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution fort granby 1.html

¹ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/

² Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

³ Probably Fort Granby, February 19-21, 1781

⁴ August 6, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

sometime in the spring subsequent to the time he volunteered. He does not recollect the precise time but is confident it was as much as six months. He volunteered on Catawby [Catawba] River from there he was marched to the hanging rock fort, from there to the Congaree, from there to Thompson's fort and from there to Santee bluff, and from there to Rocky Mount, near which they had an engagement with the Tories which was on the same day that Gates was defeated by the British. After this he was employed in little excursions after the Tories until peace was made when he was permitted to go home. He did not receive any discharge. There is no living witness that he knows of by whom he can prove his service. He has no record of his age. Fifteen or twenty years after Peace was made he moved from South Carolina to Greene County Kentucky where he lived three years. He then moved back to South Carolina where he remained about five years, he then moved to Buncombe County North Carolina where he lived four years, he then moved to Warren County State of Tennessee where he now lives.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Lockhart, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this the 2nd day of October 1832 S/ Jas Colville, Clerk

By S/ L. Colville, D. C.

[James Walker, a clergyman, and Jeremiah Walker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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No. 12,306 To the Geographer of the United States, or to the Surveyors appointed by him to Survey the Military Lands.

You are hereby required to Survey for John Lockhart⁷ -- late a Soldier in the Virginia line One hundred acres of Land, in any of the Districts appointed for satisfying the Bounties of Land, due to the late Army of the United States, and returned this Warrant to the Board of Treasury, agreeably to the Act of Congress of the 9th Day of July, 1788. Given at the War Office, this 5th day of November 1789

S/ H Knox

[p 10: On June 20, 1844 in Warren County Tennessee, Prudence Lockhart, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Lockhart, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him in South Carolina on January 10, 1784; that they were married by John Gaskin a justice of the peace; that she has no family record or any other documentary evidence of her marriage; that her husband died August 4, 1843 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: On May 14, 1884, Margaret Tate (formerly Margaret Lockhart) of Warren County Tennessee, the daughter and only legal heir of John Lockhart deceased, filed a power of attorney

⁵ Probably Thomson's Plantation, February 22, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thomsons_plantation.html

⁶ This MAY be a reference to the action at Big Savannah, February 23, 1781, https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_big_savannah.html

⁷ I believe this warrant is erroneously included in this file. I think it relates to a man by that name whose sole file in the War Department reads: "Name: Lockhart, John Grade Private Line Virginia Warrant Number 12306 Acreage 100 Issued November 5, 1789 to –not shown—notation 'On file, not delivered." This John Lockhart is not found in the Fold3.com file, at all and only applies in the HeritageQuest files under "File: 12306."

authorizing her attorney to pursue whatever claims she might have on account of the services of John Lockhart in the revolution, specifically for the bounty land warrant for 100 acres of land which he never received. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 18: On September 20, 1886 James M Lockhart of Grundy County Tennessee executed a power of attorney in which he states he is the Administrator of the estate of John Lockhart deceased, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war from the State of Virginia and who died in Warren County Tennessee between 1840 and 1845. Other than his status as Administrator of John Lockhart, his relationship to the veteran is not stated.

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[p 19: Oath of allegiance dated September 20 1886 signed by James Emma Lockhart.]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina line [sic, his services were all rendered in the militia]; his widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁸ relating to John Lockhart pp Audited Account No.

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[No. 361 Book I October 19, 1784]

Mr. John Lockhart his Account of 102 days Militia Duty Amounting to £14.11.5 [Sterling] Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State South Carolina to John Lockard [sic]

To Horseman Duty Done in Capt. George Neely's

Company 31 days at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina currency per day]

To Duty Done in Capt. McClewrs [McClure's] Company

50 days at 20/

Duty Done by John Lockhart under the

Command of Capt. John Steel [sic, John Steele] 21 days

Total

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Dr.

£31.0.0

£31.0.0

£102 £14.11.5

⁸ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the Just take me to the search page link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

I do hereby Impower and Authorize Robert Knox to receive an Indent for the amount of my Account against the Publick for Service &c

S/ John Lockha[paper damaged]

To Edward Blake & Peter Bocquet Esquires

Commissioners of the Publick Treasury

I do hereby Certify that the above was signed before me the 11th day of May 1785

S/ Jas. Knox, JP

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Rec'd 19th October 1784, full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 361 Lib I per order S/ Robert Knox

