Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim for Claiborne Whitehead Lawson BLWt1460-300 VA
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City of Richmond December 16 1826

I do certify that I was well acquainted with Captain Claiborne Whitehead Lawson and his Brother Lieut. Benjamin Lawson that they were officers in the Virginia Line about the year 1776 the latter I believe never resigned. that the former commanded the Forlorn hope when Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] which was Garrisoned by the British Troops which was stormed by our Forces with Great Gallantry that three fourth of his Company were killed & wounded, that he was afterwards ordered to the South under Colo Beaufort who was defeated by Tarltons Legion with a a Force greatly superior to our Troops [sic: see endnote] in which Engagement Cap't Lawson fought bravely & received a mortal wound of which he died in the year 1780. Given under my hand the said 16th of December 1826

William DuVal [S8362]

State of Virginia }
County of Henrico }

I, Fabius Lawson one of the heirs at law of Claiborne W. Lawson dec'd do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that Claiborne W. Lawson did enter the army of the United States as a lieutenant on [date not clear, possibly 4 Jan 1777] & was promoted to Captain and served in the regiment No. one under the command of Colonel Richard Parker of the continental line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until 22nd June 1780 (the day of his death).

Silliam Tulal

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to Claiborne W. Lawson on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore, [the rest assigns power of attorney; 30 Dec 1828]

Henrico County Sc

This day [1 Jan 1829] Maj William Price [BLWt1440-200] personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath that he was well acquainted with Captain Claiborne W Lawson who commanded a company in the first Virginia regiment in the continental service which was commanded by Colonel Richard Parker during the revolutionary war – that he understood and believes that the said Capt Lawson was mortally wounded in Bufords defeat and died of his wounds.

William Price/ Late a Lieut in the first Virg'a Reg't in the Continen'l Service.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia indexed as Lawson, Claiborn Whitehd.]

This may Certify that Cap Claiborne Whiteh'd. Lawson served as Captain in the Virginia Continental line three years, And was kill'd is said service.

Wm Lewis Maj'r [William Lewis BLWt1300-400] 3rd Virg'a Reg't Dec'r 28th 1782

NOTE: Abraham Buford's (S46372) detachment of about 350 men was defeated by Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion of about 300 at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780.