Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lent S10983 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky Nelson County:

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of said County William Lent a resident citizen of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. Says that he is now in the 79th [or 74th, not clear which] vear of his age that his former Residence was in Prince William County Virginia that he enlisted in the year 1775 or entered it in a Company of Minute men under Captain Andrew Leitch of Dumfries Virginia and served in that capacity under the said Captain Leitch until the spring of 1776 when he reenlisted under the said Captain Leitch at Hampton Virginia for the term of two years in the 3rd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel George Weedon, that he faithfully served in said Regiment until the term of his enlistment expired at the Valley Forge in the neighborhood of the White Marsh when he was marched from thence into Virginia under Lieutenant Hungerford [probably Thomas Hungerford] and their his discharge delivered to him by the said Hungerford, having been brought by him from the place where his services expired, he says that he was under the command of Captain Leitch until his promotion to a Majority and afterwards under the command of Captains John & Valentine Peyton. That he was in the following battles or engagements: (viz.) on York Island [probably a reference to the engagement known as the Battle of Harlan Heights, September 16, 1776], White Plains [October 28, 1776], Trenton [December 26, 1776], Princeton [January 3, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], & German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777].

That he received a land warrant from the state of Virginia for one hundred acres of land in right of his Services that his discharge is lost and he believes was stolen from him.

That 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 the United States or of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Lent

William Lent

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Joseph Sidebottom² of lawful age and first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was a soldier in time of the revolutionary war in the third Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonels Weedon and Marshall in Captain Werts company, that William Lent listed [enlisted] in said Regiment in Captain Leeches [sic] Company in the year 1776 and served his time out and was honorably discharged in the year 1778 – and that said William Lent now resides [in] Nelson County in the State of Kentucky – and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Joseph Sidebottom, X his mark

[Attested in Henry County Kentucky July 25, 1831]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia] 2-page file

[Note: There is an affidavit in this file given by one Jesse Davis but the image of it is completely illegible as posted being too faint to read. On the index card Jesse Davis is referred to as being "Late Captain"]

² Joseph Sidebottom W8727