Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Lannum S1846 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Tennessee Campbell County: March Sessions 1833

On this 13th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Campbell County now sitting Joseph Lannum a resident of the State of Tennessee in the County of Campbell of seventy-seven years of age who being first 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the winter of 1777 or 1778 he is not certain which he was drafted for a three months tour of duty in the County of Amherst State of Virginia & marched under Captain __ and Joined the Regiment under the command of Colonel Taylor of the Virginia troops. The particular time or month he does not remember & marched under & was subject to the Command [of] said Colonel Taylor at Charlottesville Virginia & when he served his term out he was discharged & returned home; in the year 1781 he was drafted he thinks in the month of February and marched under Captain Landrum [perhaps Younger Landrum], Major Gabriel Penn Colonel John Rose¹ we marched from Amherst Virginia & joined General Greene [Nathanael Greenel & was under the command of General Greene at the battle of Guilford in North Carolina in the month of March 1781 [March 15, 1781] the battle commenced on Thursday morning General Stephens [Edward Stevens] was wounded in the thigh in the battle we were defeated by Cornwallis & retreated towards Virginia some short time after the battle my term of service expired & I was discharged a Major Penn gave me my discharge I then returned home this was a three months tour. In the last of July 1781 I was again drafted in Amherst County Virginia for three months we were marched under Captain John Goven the Major was John Martin [could be Morton] we marched to York Virginia & joined the command of Marquis Lafayette & was at the siege of York until the surrender of Cornwallis & the British this was in October 1781 I was discharged but he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Lannum, X his mark

[Jacob Whitman & Simeon Wilhite gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ C Amherst County Virginia militia in 1781ol. Hugh Rose was the Colonel of the

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]