Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Lockard S38152

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Virginia Amherst County.

This day [29 Sep 1818] William Lockard personally appeared before me Archibald Stewart one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia the same being a Court of record, and made oath that he enlisted under Captain [Richard] Call as a regular soldier in the Revolutionary war about the year 1778, and that he served in the said war in the Corps of Cavalry commanded by Colo. William Washington from the date afores'd until the year 1783 when he was honorably discharged. That he is now a resident citizen of the United States and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he stands in need of the assistance from his Country for support. That he is upwards of 68 years of age, & that he was in the battles of Charleston [Siege of Charleston, spring of 1780], at the Capture of York [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and a battle on the river of Gumbee in South Carolina [probably skirmish on Combahee River, 27 Aug 1782].

Amherst County to wit

Philip Lockard [pension application W3836, in which William Lockard stated that he was a brother] personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that William Lockard served as a regular soldier in the American army in the regiment of horse commanded by Col. Wm. Washington during the revolutionary war. Given under my hand this 9th day of September 1818

I do hereby certify that Wm Lockard servd under Col Wm Washington in his Regiment of horse, I do not now remember how long, and that he was honorably discharg'd

Patrick Rose at that time Lt Colo. of the Lower Regt of Amherst.

[On 21 Oct 1820 in Nelson County VA the following certified that they know of Lockard's service: John Spitfathom (pension application W6151), William Allen (W25344), and John Fortune (W7309).]

Amherst County to wit:

On this 4th day of January 1821 personally appear'd in open court William Lockard a resident citizen of the county of Amherst, state of Virginia, aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and of the first of May 1820: That he the said Lockard enlisted for the term of Eighteen months about the year 1779 in Amherst County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Call in the regiment commanded by Colonel [George] Baylor in the line of the State of Virginia on continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until about 1781 when he enlisted in a company of Cavalry commanded by Capt George Bowyer at Buckingham Court house and state of Virginia & regiment commanded by Col. William Washington & afterwards by Col. Jones. That he enlisted in the said last mentioned company and regiment during the war, That he serv'd therein until about the year 1783 when he was regularly discharged at Nelsons Ferry on Santee [at Eutaw Springs] in the state of South Carolina. That he the said Lockard was in the battles of Charleston & at the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown in the state of Virginia besides several miner engagements, and that he has no evidence of said service in his power except those heretofore forwarded to the war department.

And in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident

Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: And the said William Lockard declares he is a shoemaker and is quite too aged and infirm to support himself by his trade. That the family at present with him is a wife about 61 years of age, who is also unable to do much towards her support. That he has no children living with him and that he and his wife are and have long been dependant upon the Charity of their married children for a scanty support

William hisXmark Lockard

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists a William Lockward/ age 20/ height 5′ 11″/ black hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ born in Albemarle County/ residing in Amherst County where he enlisted as a substitute on 18 May 1781 for 18 months. Sized on 10 Sep 1781.