

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Loving [Loveing] S38153

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Virginia, Nelson County to wit

On this 8th day of October 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court and assigned to the Circuit of the Superior Court of Law composed of the Counties of Bath, Augusta, Amherst, Nelson, Albemarle and Rockbridge, personally appeared Christopher Loving aged 56 years, resident in said County of Nelson & State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" that he the said Christopher Loving enlisted in the year 1777 when he was but 14 years of age, in the State of South Carolina in a Company commanded by Captain Linticomb [Lipscomb?] on Continental establishment for three years in the 6th Regiment of South Carolina troops on Continental establishment commanded by Col. Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] & Lt Col Henderson [William Henderson] in the Army commanded by General Multree [sic, William Moultrie], afterwards by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], that he was at the battle of Savanna¹ and the Siege of Charleston² in South Carolina where he was at the close of the siege taken prisoner by the British and detained as a prisoner for nine weeks when he made his escape from the City of Charleston and afterwards joined Col. Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] & Lt Col McGriff as a volunteer his enlistment being expired as well as he now recollects. That he was with them at King's Mountain³ and there had a battle, after which he joined Genl. Thomas Sumter and was in a skirmish at Blackstock's⁴ on Tyger River, that he then joined Capt. Montgomery's [Robert Montgomery's] Company of Mounted riflemen under the Command of Genl. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & was at the Battle of Cowpens,⁵ that he then joined a volunteer Company under the command of Capt. Jacob Barnett in a Regiment commanded by Col. Henry Hampton and under the command of Genl. Sumter and was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs⁶ under the Command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], that he during his said services was very badly wounded and had his right hand nearly cut off by a broad sword and his left arm very much wounded in several places so as to render them but of minor service to him. And that

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

² Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>
& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

³ October 7, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

⁴ November 20, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁵ January 17, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

⁶ September 8, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ Arch. Stuart

I Archibald Stuart one of the Judges of the Superior Court of law in said State & assigned to the Circuit composed of the Counties of Bath, Augusta, Rockbridge, Amherst, Nelson & Albemarle and one of the Judges of the General Court of this State as aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Christopher Loving did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the Common enemy in Continental establishment; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary of the department of War, pursuant to the direction of the aforesaid Act of Congress. I am also satisfied that he stands in need of his Country's assistance for support. Given from under my hand this 8th day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and nineteen – there being no seat for the Superior Court of Law holden at the County of Nelson.

S/ Arch. Stuart

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Virginia, Nelson County to Wit

On the 25th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County Christopher Loving – aged 55 or 56 years resident in the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows: That he enlisted in the year 1777, '78 or '79 he does not now recollect which as he was a Boy not more than 14 or 15 years old at that time, under Capt. Linticomb in the 6th Regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Henderson and Col. Thomas Sumter in the State of South Carolina on Continental establishment three years that he was at the Battle and Siege of Savannah under the command of General Lincoln that he was after that taken prisoner in the town of Charleston, that he remained a prisoner to the British eight or nine weeks and the best of his recollection that he then made his escape from the enemy and joined Col. Edward Lacey and Genl. Thomas Sumter and went with them to the battle at King's Mountain, after which he was in the skirmish with Tarlton's [sic, Banastre Tarleton's] light Horse at Blackstocks after which the force got scattered and with the company commanded by Capt. Montgomery joined Genl. Morgan after which he was at the battle of the Cowpens where Tarleton was defeated that afterwards he enlisted as a Light Horseman under Capt. Jacob Barnett in the Regiment commanded by Col. Henry Hampton under the command of Genl. Sumter for 10 months afterwards put under the command of General Greene and brought on the battle of Eutaw Springs, that while he was in the service of his Country aforesaid he was wounded in both arms which renders the right almost entirely useless and the left much weakened and nearly got the right hand cut off by a broad Sword of the enemy; That he made a Declaration in the Month of ___ last past, that he received a pension certificate of the Number 15731 and 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War,” passed 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 Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – to wit:

206 ³/₄ Acres of poor land in the County of Fluvanna

Two Horses, 12 Head of Hogs and Pigs a few old

Knives and forks, some old dishes and plates and spoons
One pot two Dutch oven to some piggins & pails &c.
One Negro Girl & child given up by his Mother in law
to him which is claimed and sued for by another person
and is now in the possession of a third person for Interest of money

And I do further declare that my occupation is a farmer, that I am by no means able to carry it on myself that I have a wife aged 45 years and is disabled by palsy and have lost the use of her left arm and hip we and afflicted in her mind, one Daughter aged 20 years next August, a son aged 19 years last May, a Daughter aged 17 years, a son aged 15 years, a daughter aged 13, a son aged 11 years, a daughter aged 9 years, a son aged 7 years, all tolerable healthy except one. That he is now on rented land and owes debts to the amount of four or \$500.

S/ Christopher Loving

Sworn to & declared on the 25th day of July 1820 before the Court of Nelson County sitting.
[Spotswood Garland, Clerk of Nelson County certifies that the above is a true copy of the records in his office and that the value of the property scheduled is \$1652.50.]

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This is to Certify, I Albin Gordon⁷ Quarter Master Sergeant of the first Regiment of Lite ~~Rangers~~ I ment [sic, met] with Christopher Loving in Georgia at the Siege of Savannah under the Command of General Lincoln, in 1779 as well as I can now recollect. In 1780 I ment [sic, met] the said Loving again at Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina he the said Loving was then regular Army under the Command of General Multree [sic, Moultrie].
Given from under my [hand] this 29th of September 1818

S/ Albin Gordon

Quarter Master Sergeant first Rt. L. D.
under the Command A. W. White

Nelson County to wit This day he Albin Gordon made oath before me to truth of the above Certificate given under my hand this 7th day of September 1819

S/Nelson Anderson, JP

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Camden District} Christopher Loveing [sic] a young man who was a regular Soldier and became a presiner to the brittish At the fall of Charles Town and some time After Disarted them and Came to these parts I Some time before Forugson's Defate [Ferguson's defeat or the Battle of Kings Mountain] meet with him and he Cheerfully went with me and Defence of his Country and Has ever Shoon himself a friend sence Biggs Leave [begs leave] to pass to or neir the Heads of Edisto I therefore Desier he may pass un molisted 16th Oct. 1782 him

P. Edwd Lacey Colo.

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⁷ [Albion Gordon \(Gorden\) W7548](#)

Camden } Christopher Loving a young
 Dist. - } man who was an officer of the British
 and became a prisoner to the British
 at the fall of Charles Town and some time
 after deserted them and came to these parts
 I soon some time before of our sons Defeat
 meet with him and he cheerfully went
 with me in defence of his Country and
 has ever shown himself as a friend since
 begs leave to pass to or near the Head of
 Expeds I therefore desire he may pass un-
 molestid 16th Oct: 1782
 Edw. Lacey Col.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month effective October 8, 1819 for 3 years service as a private under Col. Sumter in the South Carolina line. Veteran died in Floyd County, Virginia, September 27, 1830, leaving a widow whose name was Judith.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁸ relating to Christopher Loving pp 12
 Audited Account No. 4690

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No. 66

[Book] X [No.] 14 8 August 85 [1785]

Christopher Loving for 113 days Duty in Militia in 1780 & 1781

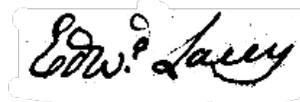
Amount £14 Stg. [Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

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

Received the 27 March 1787 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 14 Book X – dated the 8th of August 1785

Edwd Lacey [Edward Lacey]



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.

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August 28th 1780} The Publick of So. Carolina to Christopher Loving for
Duty Done and Colonel Lacey's Regiment of Militia Dr.
To 83 Days as Horsemen at 20/[20 shillings old SC Currency per day] is £83
Old Currency equal to £11.17.4 Sterling
July 1781} To 30 Days in said Regiment at 10/is £15
Old Currency equal to 2.2.10 Sterling

Camden District} Personally came Christopher Loving before me this day & being Duly Sworn
saith on oath that the above Account as stated against the publick is Just & that he never received
any part thereof

This 9th July 1784

before me John Davis, JP

Christopher Loving, X his mark

Gentlemen Please to Deliver the within account to Col. Edward Lacey & you'll oblige your
friend forever

Christopher Loving, X his mark

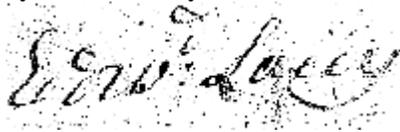
To the Treasurer So. Carolina

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So. Carolina

Chester County} I do hereby certify that Christopher Loving was enlisted in the State Troops of
South Carolina in the Troop commanded by Capt. Jacob Barnett in Col. Henry Hampton's
Regiment and that he continued in the said service until he unfortunately received a wound in his
right arm & hand by a Sword which Wound rendered him unable of remaining or doing duty
[text too faint to discern] the Service. Given under my hand this 6th day of May 1791

signed by Edwd Lacey



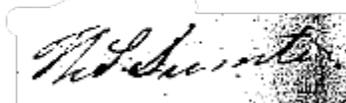
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Christopher Loving not returned by his officer

Wm Phillips's⁹ Indent was paid to the above named Loving Said Phillips having received one of
the Publick Negros¹⁰ in full for his Services

Thos Sumter [Thomas Sumter]



[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 14 Book X]

⁹ [William Phillips SC2173](#)

¹⁰ Men who enlisted for ten months in April 1781 in the SC State Troops of Light Dragoons under Sumter were promised wages payable in slaves taken from the Tories. Such 'pay' was known as "Sumter's Wages." When that horrific form of payment could not be made because too few slaves were confiscated from the Tories, the SC Legislature authorized the payment in pounds Sterling deemed to equal the value of the slaves not delivered (to wit, £94 Sterling for one 'grown Negro').

[p 8: Reverse of the above Indent]

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Petition of Christopher Loving

1795

December 11 Committee

Colonel Brown

Colonel Brandon

Captain Calhoun

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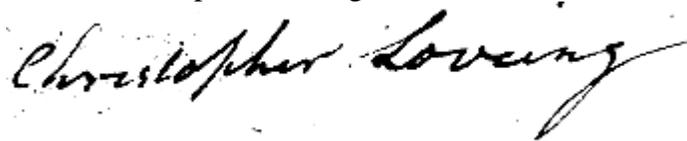
To the Honorable the President & members of the Senate

the petition of Christopher Loving

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner was a Soldier in the Sixth Regiment of this State and was taken prisoner at the Reduction of Charleston – Soon after which he found means to make his Escape & Immediately went into the Service of the State under Genl. Sumter where he served through the whole war – that sometime in the year 1781 he being absent on furlo [furlough] Met with a partie [party] who wounded him in Such a manner that he has Lost his Right hand and therefore prays that he may be allowed the Same annuity that is allowed to other disabled Soldiers & your petitioner will Ever pray &c

Christopher Loveing

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Loveing". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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Report on the Petition of Christopher Loveing

15th December 1795

to be considered tomorrow

19th postponed

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The Committee to whom was Referred the petition of Christopher Loveing

Report

That they have considered the same and are satisfied that the facts therein stated is true but as the petitioner is now a citizen of the State of Virginia where he hath Resided for several years past – your Committee begs leave to submit to the Consideration of the Senate whether by his Removal he has forfeited his Claim on this State to which they think he would a been well entitled had he Remained a Citizen of this State