## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

## Pension application of Abraham Larew S41742 Transcribed by Will Graves

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## The State of Ohio, Hamilton County: SS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1828 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Hamilton County of the State of Ohio, said court being a court of record Abraham Larew aged seventy-three 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 Act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that he the said Abraham Larew enlisted for the term of three years sometime towards the last of October or first of November in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Spencer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Febiger [Christian Febiger], in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until about the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1799 [sic] when he was discharged from the service in the State of New Jersey that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension first that I could not take the oath required under the Act of the  $18^{th}$  of March  $1818 - 2^{nd}$  I understood that none could obtain a pension but such as could prove their Service by 2 witnesses, which I could not do; those are the main reasons, why an earlier application was not made under the act of 18 of March 1818. I considered myself fully able to support myself and family and in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 on the 18th of March 1818 I had in possession a lease for 20 acres of land on the ministerial section in Springfield Township for 99 years, also one horse beast, 3 cows, some farming utensils, some Cooper tools a loom and some reads, some household furniture (5 or 6 small hogs, I am by occupation a Weaver, but not able to do but very little at it by reason of infirmity of body occasioned by a very sore spell of sickness which took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 1819 and rendered him unable to do anything of any account towards the support of his family for 18 months and since that time but little towards the support of himself and family, his family at this time consist of himself and wife Martha age 63 years scarcely able to do the work of the house that since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the

following changes have taken place and have been made in my property that I have by sale disposed of is as follows:

|                   | •                        |                       |                 |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Description of    | names of persons to whom | Time of sale          | Amount of       |
| property          | disposed                 |                       | money &         |
|                   |                          |                       | property        |
|                   |                          |                       | received in     |
|                   |                          |                       | return          |
| One cow           | To Noah Runyan           | February 1819         | 22 in cash      |
| One horse beast   | To William Leggett       | June 1819             | \$25 to be paid |
|                   |                          |                       | in wheat &      |
|                   |                          |                       | corn            |
| One plow          | To Thomas Hubbel         | December 1819         | \$6 in wheat    |
| One log chain     | To John Voorhees         | Do Do                 | \$4 in flour    |
| One mattock       | To Ira Place             | Do Do                 | One spinning    |
|                   |                          |                       | wheel           |
| One cross cut saw | To William Ballis        | Do Do                 | \$5 in cash     |
| One lease of 20   | To Isaac Barker          | November 1826         | For \$138       |
| acres             |                          |                       |                 |
| One cow           | to Do Do                 | December Do           | For \$10        |
| Cooper tools      | Name not remembered      | Early part of 1821 or | Sold for less   |
|                   |                          | 1822                  | than \$5        |

And at this time the said applicant has in his possession a lot in the town of Springfield, Hamilton County, Ohio containing 31 square rods with an old log cabin on it purchased of Asher

| Woolley for \$45 the 11 day of November 1826 – Lot | \$45.00  |
|--|----------|
| One cow  | 8.00     |
| Nine sheep   | 9.00     |
| Two notes one for \$20 and the other 4 \$25        | 45.00    |
| One corner cupboard & furniture                    | 10.00    |
| One iron Kettle                                    | 1.50     |
| One iron Oven                                      | 1.20     |
| One pot  | .75      |
| One Skillet  | .75      |
| Six Chairs   | 2.25     |
| Two Chests   | 4.00     |
| One loom & reeds                                   | 8.00     |
|  | \$135.45 |

S/ Abraham Larew

[Note: there is a letter dated January 1829 sent by W. H. Harrison to a "General Findlay" relating to this application. I think it very possible that this is William Henry Harrison who was then a Senator from Ohio. The signature on the letter is:

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1828 for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]