Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lamon Land W20401

Willy Land

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State of North Carolina Halifax County

On this 24th day of June 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County, John Land a resident of North Carolina in the County of Halifax aged 40 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That he is the son of Lamon Land who was a soldier of the Revolution and served three years, he was in the service in the year 1777 and remained in it until just before he was married. He further declares that his Father was married to his mother in 1780 and he died in July 1824 and his mother Mrs. Willy Land died in October or November 1839, that she was not married before the war but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 as above stated.

John Jando

S/ John Land

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ Sterling H. Gee, JP

State of North Carolina Halifax County: The affidavit of Warrick Hockaday taken to prove the services of Lamon Land in the war of the Revolution this affiant being first duly sworn according to law testifies and says that he was well acquainted with Lamon Land that he enlisted 1777 and was from home 12 months and returned and that he was from home & again in the service in 1778 but for what length of time this affiant cannot state. Lamon Land was an apprentice to Col. Sam Weldon and I have heard that he entered the service to get clear of serving out his time with Col. Weldon.

I well know that he married a very short time after he returned home. He married Willy Johnson and they lived together as man and wife until the day of his death which took place in July 1824 and his widow never married again but remained a widow until the day of her death which took place in the month of October or November 1839.

He is well acquainted with John Land who is now applying for a pension he is the

youngest child of Lamon and Willy Land -- their oldest child would be 60 years old or thereabouts if now living.

I feel no hesitation in saying that I am well convinced that Lamon Land did serve as above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written before

S/ Warrick Hockaday, X his mark

S/ Sterling H. Gee, JP

[p 19: Certificate dated June 9, 1851 issued by the Comptroller's Office of North Carolina showing payments made to Lemond Land, private, of \$76.32 and \$83.87. Also in Book F No. 2 page 53 Lamon Land June 1778 £40 (forty pounds) paid by Col. William Eaton.]

[p 21: September 19, 1844: testimony given by Mrs. Martha Wilcox a resident of Halifax County North Carolina stating that she recollects Lamon Land stating that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and that he fought in the battle of the Apple Orchard (and brought home apple seeds in his pocket); that she, affiant, knew Lamon and Willy Land, that they had 6 children the oldest of whom (whose name was Sally) would be 60 years old if living; that Lamon and Willy were living together as husband and wife prior to 1793; that she, affiant was married to her first husband Thomas Hudson in that year and Willy Land had 2 or 3 children at that time.]

[p 3: On November 21, 1851, William W. Daniel, clerk of the Halifax County North Carolina court of common pleas found that Willy Land, widow of Lamon Land a soldier of the revolution, died November 15 1839 leaving surviving her a son, John Land, the only child known to be living of said Willy Land.]

[The veteran's widow was posthumously awarded a pension of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending when she died November 15, 1839.]