Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Latimer W26192
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Elizabeth Latimer

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State of Kentucky Pendleton County Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court now sitting, William Latimer, a resident of said County of Pendleton & State of Kentucky, aged seventy 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 Act of Congress passed 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the militia service of the United States as a volunteer under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated: He entered the service under Captain Thomas Threadgill, in the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia, on the 12th of October 1779, for eight months and served out his time and was discharged at the Redhouse on Banester River [Banister River] – he does not recollect whether in the State of Virginia or North Carolina, but he thinks nearly on the line between the two States. He does not recollect the different field officers he was under as they were frequently changed – from Regiment to Regiment but he recollects that the most of his time he was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Glinn [possibly Lt. Col. John Glenn]: He was in no battle. He marched through North Carolina into South Carolina under General Green [presumably Nathanael Greene]¹, but does not recollect the different counties he passed through. He received an Honorable discharge at the Red house on Banester River (as heretofore stated) which he has lost. In the year 1780 he was drafted in the militia in said County of Brunswick for three months, – and was discharged about six miles north of Richmond in Virginia, at a place called the Long bridge: he was attached to the company of Captain Lawrence House: the field officers were Major Holcomb, Colonel St. George Tucker and General Lawson. From the great lapse of time he does not recollect the different counties he marched through. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State in the [union]. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Latimer [a copy]

[Jesse Robinson, a clergyman, and John Redinhour gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ Reference to General Green, however, makes no sense because Nathanael Greene did not assume command in the South until December 2, 1780, well before the period this veteran says his service began.

[p 10: On May 25, 1853 in Harrison County Kentucky, Elizabeth Latimer, 63, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of William Latimer who died in Harrison County Kentucky March 24, 1838; that she married him November 12, 1815 in Harrison County²; that they were married by one ___ Munroe a preacher; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Hollady.³

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum to commence March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 11 months. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

Elizabeth Talimer Seul

² Other documents signed by the widow in the file indicate that William and Elizabeth married in Scott County, KY

³ Other documents in the file spell her name "Elizabeth Holliday"