

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Langsdon (Langsdale, Landale) W441 Edith Langsdon f40VA

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To the Honorable John C Calhoun Secretary of the Department of War of the United States

I John P Oldham Circuit Judge of the fifth Judicial District of Kentucky and sole judge of the Bullitt Circuit Court in said District do Certify that this day Charles Langsdon came personally before me and declared under oath. That he is a Citizen of the United States and a resident of Bullitt County aforesaid – That in the year 1779 or 1780 he enlisted in the Corps of Dragoons commanded by Captain John Watts, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel ~~John~~ White, on Continental establishment. That he served for some time in said White's Regiment, and was then transferred to Colonel Washington's Regiment of Dragoons; that after Colonel Washington was taken prisoner at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], the Regiment was commanded by Major Swan – That he served between three and four years and until the end of the War in 1783 when all the Dragoons in said Regiment were permitted by Major Swan to go home from Charleston South Carolina and were directed to apply at Richmond Virginia for their discharges; but that he never applied for his, and never obtained any discharge, [word obliterated by an ink blot] none of the officers of said Regiment live in Kentucky. That from his Reduced Circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support and that he has never been allowed any pension under the laws of the United States. Given under my hand this 24th day of September 1819.

S/ Jno. P. Oldham

State of Kentucky Bullitt Circuit

Charles Langsdon a pensioner of the United States by Certificate dated the 6th day of May 1820 at \$8 per month came personally into this Court being a Court of Record and delivered a Schedule of his estate which the Court valued at \$90 and to which the said Langsdon made oath agreeably to law Whereupon it is resolved that the said Schedule and oath be recorded and certified, to wit. "State of Kentucky. On this 18th day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record, for the County of Bullitt, by the Common Laws and Statutes Walls of said state Charles Langsdon aged about 58 or 59 years residing in said County who being sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows He was enlisted by a Lieutenant Gunn at Hillsborough in North Carolina and sent to Halifax and was put in the Troop of Horse commanded by Captain John Watts in the Regiment commanded by __ White to which __ Swann was Major all of the Virginia line on Continental establishment in the year 1780. From Halifax he was sent to Staunton in Virginia & afterwards was sent to South Carolina and placed in the Regiment called Colonel Washington's Regiment.

He was at the siege of York and then marched to South Carolina and served to the end of the War and was discharged at Charleston. The number of his pension is 16858 and the date of his Original application was on the 24th day of September 1819. 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 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 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 viz.. One horse sixteen or seventeen years old, seven grown hogs and between fifteen & twenty shoats, one plow, two hoes, one ax, one bed, instead & furniture, six Common Chairs, six plates, six knives & forks, one pewter dish & two buckets. The declarant is by Occupation a farmer. His wife is aged about fifty-eight years. She has been lame about 30 years, his health is not good. He has living with him two children a son & daughter. His daughter is about twenty-three years old his son is sixteen, they are as healthy as ordinary persons. Sworn to & declared the 18th day of September 1820 before the court aforesaid.

S/ Charles Langsdon, X his mark

[p 17: On August 2, 1837 in Jefferson County Kentucky, Eda Langsdon, 78 years old on the 11th day of April 1837, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Charles Langsdon a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Prince Edward County Virginia December 15, 1781; that her husband died in Jefferson County Kentucky October 11, 1831 and that she remains his widow; that her husband died leaving ?¹ Langsdon (living in Bullitt County Kentucky) Elizabeth married to Royal Langsdon, Mary Langsdon, William Langsdon (living in Jefferson County Kentucky) and Charles Langsdon (residing in the State of Ohio or Michigan) his children all over the age of 21 at the time of his death. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 35: On December 11, 1838 in Jefferson County Kentucky, the widow whose name is written as Edith Landale, aged 77, filed another application under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Charles Landale a revolutionary war pensioner; that previous to her marriage to her husband she was Edith (usually called Edy) Burks daughter of Richard Burks who lived at a place called Burks' old store in Prince Edward County Virginia; that her husband (sometimes called Charles Langsdale or Landale) married her in the month of December 17 88 at the house of her father in Prince Edward County Virginia; that her husband died October 11, 1831; that she had 2 sisters Elizabeth Burks and Amelia Rain who were present at her wedding along with Nancy Jackson, starling Smith, Robert Hawkins, neighbors, and Dabney Morris of Nottoway County Virginia.]

[p 13: certified copy of a consent dated December 19, 1788 given by Richard Burks to the marriage of his daughter Edeath [sic] Burks to Charles Landale [sic], certified by the clerk of the County Court of Prince Edward County Virginia. Likewise a copy of a marriage bond issued for

the marriage of Landale to Edith Burks.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 24, 1819, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

It appears from the Size Roll 2d [?] that Charles Langsdon enlisted in the war July 1781 in Baylor's dragoons and served the full term of his enlistment 24 January 1785

S/ Chas. Jones Comr.

S/ William Barrett Capt.

S/Jno. White

(A Copy) W. Lambert

I do assigned my whole right & title to my pay and profits as a soldier to Joshua Humphreys for value received, witness my hand this 21st day of January 1785

S/ Charles Langsdon, X his mark

Test David Hughes a copy John White

A Copy W Lambert