Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Locke (Lock) W5026 Anna fn40NC Transcribed by Will Graves 4/19/10

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[fn p. 13]

State of North Carolina Halifax County

On this 20th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Halifax County, now sitting, James Lock aged 73 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 June 7th, 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.: he volunteered in the year not recollected -- in Halifax County, North Carolina, under Captain Poynter [Sic, Poiner, Pointer or Poyner?] & served three months at the town of Halifax guarding prisoners, & was then discharged -- he volunteered in the year not recollected under Captain Bradley & marched to six-mile Creek, near Salisbury, & had a skirmish with the Tories in Catawba River, General Jones, Colonel Hart & Colonel Branch were the officers of the Regiment -- he was discharged after a service of three months. He volunteered in the year (not recollected) under Captain Tatom [Howell Tatum] marched in search of Tories on Cape Fear River & served three months & was discharged -- he served again under Captain Coleman entering the service in the year Cornwallis was taken, marched to New River, in Duplin County & had a skirmish with Tories in the palms of the New River, & was discharged being sick at Kingston, now Kinston, after a service of three months -- he received several discharges but they are lost. He was born in the State of Maryland, has a record of his age in a Bible at home.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ James Lock, Senior, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open

S/ Mark H. Pettway, Clk

[Henry Bradford, a clergyman, and William Perkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Halifax County

James Locke the declarant before mentioned a man of credibility, came before me Rice

B. Pierce a Justice of the peace for Halifax County State aforesaid & being duly sworn deposes & says that the first time he volunteered, as stated in the annexed declaration, was in the spring before the battle of Guilford took place; there was no field officers in command at Halifax at the time, only one company being stationed there to guard the prisoners. That at the second tour mentioned in said declaration he volunteered as a private in the spring of the same year that the battle of Guilford was fought -- besides the officers already mentioned in his said declaration Major Hill & Major Horne belonged to the same Regiment -- General Morgan was there with his riflemen & Colonel Washington with his light horse & went with them in pursuit of Tories. That in the third tour as mentioned in said declaration he volunteered in the spring after the battle of Guilford was fought under Captain Howell Tatum but joined no Regiment having marched as a single company, served & returned as such. In the tour which he served under Captain Coleman, he was a substitute or volunteer & marched from Halifax in company with Captain Coates' Company they joined no other companies -- while at New River General Lincoln visited the men several times. That he, this deponent, was born in the year 1760 on the 5th of July as can be seen by a record of his age which he has in a Bible written by his father,

S/ James Lock, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed the 11th day of April 1833 S/ Rice B. Pierce, JJP

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State of North Carolina Halifax County

Personally appeared George Green, aged about 73 years, a man of credibility, before me a Justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid & being duly sworn deposes & saith that he was well acquainted with James Locke during the revolutionary war, that he served with him under Captain Pointer guarding prisoners at Halifax town North Carolina where we remained in actual service or months or more.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of April 1833 S/ Rice B. Pierce, JP

S/ George Greene, X his mark

[fn p. 4: On May 4th, 1843 in Halifax County North Carolina, Anna Lock, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Lock Senior a soldier of the revolution and a pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married him March 17th 1791; that he died January 9, 1842.]

[fn p. 6: On May 5, 1843, Thomas Lock Senior gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Anna & James Locke and that they were married sometime in the year 1791. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not disclosed.

[facts in file: Veteran married Anna Herbert; the names of her parents are not shown in the file; the veteran and his wife were married by "old Mr. Joshua White, a minister of the Gospel] in 1844 it is stated that the oldest child of the veteran and his wife was Aquilla Lock, a soldier in the "Late War and died a few days after he returned home from Norfolk,[and] if living now would be fifty-two years old if not more." 1

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for one year's service in the revolution.]

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¹ Per testimony of Richard Carlilse and Henry Wheelus fn p. 37