

## **Pension Application for William Lawrence**

S.38125

State of Kentucky

Rockcastle County

Be it known that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1834 personally appeared before the County Court held for the County of Rockcastle aforesaid, William Lawrence a resident of said County, aged seventy years past, who being sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, in the county of Dutchess State of New York under Capt. Champlain, Benj Knox Lieut; his Colo. Was by the name of Vanderburg, he does not recollect the date of the year when he entered the service, but he knows it was the same year that Burgoyne was taken, which he believes was in 1777.

He was a militia man, and held to service under the said officers three years and mustered and kept in readiness with provisions and ammunition and was called into actual service at various time & performed various tours after the enemy generally traversing the Country about the White Plains, Peakskill & Fishkill and frequently stationed on the Hudson River guarding and defending the frontiers. Sometimes he would be gone 3 or 4 months sometimes 4 or 5 weeks & sometimes only a few days, but he cannot recollect the number of his tours or the precise length of any one tour, but he can safely say upon oath that he was out in actual service not less than 18 months, and he believes he would be safe in saying the whole three years was actual service for he done no other kind of business during that time, but to attend to his duty as a soldier.

He states that the whole of his service was performed under the command of the aforesaid officers. He has lost his recollection very much and his hearing also. Being interrupted by the Court he says he was born in the year 1764 in the said County of Duches [Dutchess] State of New York. He has no record of his ages after the Revolution he moved to Montgomery County Va and lived there until about 22 years ago when he moved from there to Rockcastle County KY where he now lives.

He never had any written discharge, her entered the service as a militiaman.

He was not acquainted [with] any of the regular officers except a Colo Jamison & Colo Pearce, and he does not know certainly that Pearce was a regular.

He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service. He refers to the Reverend Richard Cuyler, David Carson, Colo Smith & others who can testify as to his character &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.

Sworn & Sbuscribed the day & year aforesaid. William Lawrence.

Jarrus Terrill, Clerk of the Court for the County.