

Pension Application for James Lawson

R.6203

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress of June 7th 1832.

State of Tennessee

County of Henry SS.

On this first day of September 1845 personally appeared before the County Court of said County, James Lawson a resident of District no [blank] in the County of Henry, and State of Tennessee, James Lawson, aged eighty seven 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 passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year [crossed out] with a recruiting officer named Joshua Shaw, and served in the Regiment of United States Troops commanded by Col.[?] in the company of Capt Wm. Kinsey.

He enlisted at a place called Newton, in Pennsylvania, and was marched into service at Bristol, Berks Col. Penns. opposite Burlington. I was in the Battle of Germantown—from Germantown was sent with a detachment to Frankfort where He was stationed about three months & from there made excursions into the neighborhood.

The British then had possession of the [?] where the British left Philad'a his regiment went in pursuit was at the battle of Monmouth, near Cranburry – was in the Battle of Stony Point—Genl Wayne commanded & stormed the British redoubt with [?] arms

From Stony Point returned to Newton, 7 miles from Bristol, where he was stationed a whole winter in winter quarters. Here Col. Johnson was in command and sometimes Col. Chambers; Genl Wayne was the commander in Chief of all the Penns troops; after the Capture of Cornwallis I was discharged or rather dismissed at New York Genl Knox was the officer who rode along. The last said dismissed the man telling that they should be provided for—I served in the Revolutionary Arm two years & 8 months.

I afterwards served in Col Harmons expedition to the west – I then lived at Poughkeepsie, New York—I enlisted with Capt. Jno Hamtramack--& was soon appointed Sargeant. We rendezvoused at West Point—our regiment commanded by Col. Harmon—the other captains, besides Hamtramck were Hart, Strong & Sawyer—we marched 27th October from west Point to Pittsburgh—passed Reading, Carlisle, Bedford; I had baggage wagons were said to be the first wagons that had ever crossed the Alleghanies—got to Pittsburg 29th November—staid there 3 or 4 weeks—Mgr Doughty was sent to Fort McIntosh at the month of big Beaver, the Indians threatened to breech the fort we were ordered down to assist Mjr. Doughty; about the 1st March I went from McIntosh, with Capt Hamtramck's Col under command of Mjr Willis, to the [?] towns at Kingsbottoms; Norris the head men among the tories, sent in a flag of truce & the parties came to a compromise; the Indians & tories agreeing to move off in ten days—we went to the mouth of [?] and staid with Doughty in a picketed fort till the

[?] was out & then returned. The Indians & Tories partly gone & partly in the act of going. [??] From [?] towns we returned back by the river to McIntosh, where I was discharged by Capt Hamtramck.

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

He states as a reason for not having made this declaration sooner, that 13 years ago, he employed Henry Nixon Esqr of Hickman Co. Tenn. Where he then resided to prepare a Declaration & make application to get him on the pension list. That having removed to Henry County his present residence before Mr. Nixon succeeded in getting him placed on the pension roll, he never returned to enquire anything about the matter; but wrote two or three times to Mr. Nixon & never received an answer. Mr. Nixon has been dead about two years as he understands. He did not then particularly need a pension, being able & willing to work for his support & that of his family; but his great age & consequent bodily infirmity compel him to make this application.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. Thomas K. Porter, Chairman of Henry Co. Court.

Constantine Frazier, Clerk of the County Court of Henry County.