

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Christopher Loving S38153

Transcribed by Will Graves

Virginia, Nelson County, to wit

On this 8th day of October 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court and assigned to the Circuit of the Superior Court of Law composed of the Counties of Bath, Augusta, Amherst, Nelson, Albemarle and Rockbridge, personally appeared Christopher Loving aged 56 years, resident in said County of Nelson & State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" that he the said Christopher Loving enlisted in the year 1777 when he was but 14 years of age, and the State of South Carolina in a Company commanded by Captain Linticomb [?] on Continental establishment for three years in the 6th Regiment of South Carolina troops on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] & Lt Col Henderson [William Henderson] in the Army commanded by General Moultrie [William Moultrie], afterwards by General Lincoln, that he was at the battle of Savanna and the Siege of Charleston in South Carolina where he was at the close of the siege taken prisoner by the British and detained as a prisoner for nine weeks when he made his escape from the City of Charleston and afterwards joined Colonel Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] & Lt Col McGriff as a volunteer his enlistment being expired as well as he now recollects. That he was with them at King's Mountain and there had a battle, after which he joined General Thomas Sumter and was in a skirmish at Blackstock's on Tyger River, that he then joined Captain Montgomery's Company of Mounted riflemen under the Command of Genl Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & was at the Battle of Cowpens, that he then joined a volunteer Company under the command of Captain Jacob Barnett in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Hampton and under the command of Genl Sumter and was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs under the Command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], that he during his said services was very badly wounded and had his right hand nearly cut off by a broad sword and his left arm very much wounded in several places so as to render them but of minor service to him. And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other [several illegible words]... declared before me the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ Arch. Stuart

I Archibald Stuart one of the Judges of the Superior Court of law in said State & assigned to the Circuit composed of the Counties of Bath, Augusta, Rockbridge, Amherst, Nelson & Albemarle and one of the Judges of the General Court of this State as aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Christopher Loving did serve in the revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the Common enemy in Continental establishment; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary of the department of War, pursuant to the direction of the aforesaid Act of Congress. I am also satisfied that he stands in need of his Country's assistance for support. Given from under my hand this 8th day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and nineteen – there being no seat for the Superior Court of Law holden at the County of Nelson.

S/ Arch. Stuart

Virginia, Nelson County to wit

On the 25th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County Christopher Loving – aged 55 or 56 years resident in the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows: That he enlisted in the year 1777, '78 or '79 he does not now recollect which as he was a Boy not more

than 14 or 15 years old at that time, under Captain Linticomb in the 6th Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henderson and Colonel Thomas Sumter in the State of South Carolina on Continental establishment three years that he was at the Battle and Siege of Savannah under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] that he was after that taken prisoner in the town of Charleston, that he remained a prisoner to the British eight or nine weeks and the best of his recollection that he then made his escape from the enemy and joined Colonel Edward Lacey and General Thomas Sumter and went with them to the battle at King's Mountain, after which he was in the skirmish with Tarlton's [sic, Banastre Tarleton's] light Horse at Blackstocks after which the force got scattered and with the company commanded by Captain Montgomery joined General Morgan after which he was at the battle of the Cowpens where Tarleton was defeated that afterwards he enlisted as a Light Horseman under Captain Jacob Barnett in the Regiment commanded by Col. Henry Hampton under the command of General Sumter for 10 months afterwards put under the command of General Greene and brought on the battle of Eutaw Springs, that while he was in the service of his Country aforesaid he was wounded in both arms which renders the right almost entirely useless and the left much weakened and nearly got the right hand cut off by a broad Sword of the enemy; That he made a Declaration in the Month of ___ [blank in original] last past, that he received a pension certificate of the Number 15731 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, disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 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 Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – to wit:

206.31 Acres of poor land in the County of Fluvanna
Two Horses, 12 Head of Hogs and Pigs a few old
Knives and forks, some old dishes and plates and spoons
One pot two Dutch oven to some piggins & pails &c.
One Negro Girl & child given up by his Mother in law
to him which is claimed and sued for by another person
and is now in the possession of a third person for Interest of money

And I do further declare that my occupation is a farmer, that I am by no means able to carry it on myself that I have a wife aged 45 years and is disabled by palsy and have lost the use of her left arm and hip we and afflicted in her mind, one Daughter aged 20 years next August, a son aged 19 years last May, a Daughter aged 17 years, a son aged 15 years, a daughter aged 13, a son aged 11 years, a daughter aged nine years, a son aged 70 years, all tolerable healthy except one. That he is now on rented land and owes debts to the amount of four or \$500.

S/ Christopher Loving

Sworn to & declared on the 25th day of July 1820 before the Court of Nelson County sitting.