

Christopher Loving applied for a hardship pension (FPA s38153) in Nelson County VA on 08Oct1819 before a regional court. Christopher detailed a busy military service record from 1777 to 1781 in South Carolina. The last three engagements he named were Kings Mountain, Cowpens, and Eutaw Springs. He stated:

“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.”

On 25Jul1820, Loving appeared again in Nelson County court to renew his hardship pension at which time his description was:

“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.”

The wounds described are the type inflicted in both battles. Had they been at Cowpens in Jan1781, he would have unlikely been fit for service in Sep1781 at Eutaw Springs. It is quite possible that he withstood lesser wounds at Cowpens and the debilitating slashes at Eutaw Springs.

Loving began his military service at age 14 or 15 early in the war with the 6<sup>th</sup> Carolina regiment. He was captured by the British and held captive in Charleston until he escaped and joined Colonel Edward Lacey's militia.

Descendants record:

Christopher Loving was born in James City County VA to Christopher and Sarah Beaver Loving on 03Dec1763. Loving married Judith \_\_\_\_\_ about 1792 and they had 12 children before the pension declarations. Christopher died in 27Sep1830 in Floyd County, VA. He was buried at Big River Mountain House, Floyd, VA.