

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lucas VAS995

vsl 8VA

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 30th day of April 1784 in the name of William Lucas as Clerk Navy and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £46.10.3, delivered to Isaac Singleton but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
20th day of December 1851.

S/ Ro Johnston

First Auditor

[No Seal of Office]

To the Governor & Council of Virginia

The Heirs of William Lucas who was a steward in the Virginia State Navy in the Revolutionary war respectfully submit their claim for Bounty Land. The evidence of which you will find in the enclosed certificate of the Auditor duly certified which shows he held the grade of steward at the conclusion of the war. Further proof you will find his name regularly enrolled among the officers on board the *Diligence*¹ Galley the list of which is also enclosed² and duly certified. He also appears regularly enrolled throughout the War in different places on the Navy Journal to [too] long to copy but which can be referred to among the Navy Papers.

See Report of Commissioner Smith³ page 14 December 33

Vy Respectfully

S/ James [last name indecipherable]

¹ *Diligence*. Coggins:102, VANavy:157, ND8:1046, ND9:853, row galley of the VA Navy, Capt Johannes Watson, from May 1777 to 1780. Selby:255, Jefferson hoped to make the galley serviceable for the Chesapeake Eastern Shore in 1780. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20C-D.html>

² If this document is among those posted online, it is illegible but I did not see any document which I thought might be such a list

³ The images of the Commissioner's report as posted online are illegible

Attorney

Dec. 20, 1851

James M. Smith