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Pension application of John Lucas BLWt2215-300

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Land Warrant, No. 2215, for 300 acres issued May 30th 1838, to Margaret Lucas, John Lucas, Margaret Grubb and Elisha Y. Lucas, the children -- Margaret N. Lucas, William A. Lucas, Henderson Lucas, Harriet M. Carney & Ann L. Carney, the grand children -- and only heirs at law of Thomas Lucas deceased, who was the brother and sole heir at law of John Lucas deceased, who was a Captain in the Georgia Continental line -- in the same was delivered to the Honorable James Buchanan.

State of Georgia Screven County

On this 30th day of April A.D. 1859 appeared John Jackson aged eighty-four years a resident of the County of Screven, State aforesaid, who I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that he has resided in the County of Screven for fifty-five years that he filed an affidavit in which he stated that John M. Lucas of the County aforesaid was the only heir at law of the late Captain John Lucas, since which time deponent has been informed that Mrs. Elizabeth Wellson [sic, probably Elizabeth Wilson] sister of John M. Lucas is still living, but it is unknown to this deponent, and that said John M. Lucas was regarded in the County of Screven as the only heir at law of said Captain John Lucas.

He files this affidavit as amendatory to his former affidavit.

S/ John Jackson

State of Ohio County of Franklin

I am Margaret Lucas, heir at law of Captain John Lucas of Georgia deceased do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that Captain John Lucas did enter the service in 1775 -- six for the term of seven years or during the war and served as a Captain in the Regiment No. __ Major Habersham under the command of Colonel -- Major General Lochlin McIntosh of the "Georgia line;" and that he continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to Captain John Lucas on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner what ever; therefore

S/ Margaret Lucas

Attest

S/ Samuel Deardurff

S/ Nelson Foos

[power of attorney appointing the Honorable James Buchanan as her attorney to pursue her

claim.]

Personally appeared the above Margaret Lucas daughter of Captain Thomas Lucas of Franklin County [indecipherable word] Dec'd [?] Brother of Captain John Lucas of [indecipherable word] Deceased -- subscriber to the foregoing declaration, and made oath to the same in my presence acknowledged the power of attorney thereto subjoined to be her free act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

[Indecipherable month] 25 1838

S/ Jacob Grubb, JP

State of Georgia in Chatham County: On this second day of May A.D. 1856 Personally appeared before me William B. Fleming Judge of the Superior Court Eastern District of Georgia John M. Lucas, aged seventy years a resident of the County of Screven, state aforesaid, who I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that he is the son of John Lucas who served as Captain during the Revolutionary War against Great Britain that his father John Lucas served in the States of Georgia and South Carolina, in the form of State under the command of Colonel White. That his said father John Lucas was commissioned on the first of March 1777 as he was informed and verily believes he will be able to prove. He was informed by his late father Captain John Lucas that he was married to Ann Michael that the Reverend Mr. Botsford [?] a Baptist Minister of the gospel performed the marriage ceremony, that he believes the marriage took place in the City of Savannah in 1774. He also declares that his mother died on the 30th of March 1835, deponent's father John Lucas who was Captain as aforesaid repeatedly told this deponent that he never received Commutation half pay or bounty land or script. Deponent claims as the surviving heir and Administrator of the Estate of Captain John Lucas, Commutation half pay or arrears of money due his late father. That his late father John Lucas departed this life on the 17th of June ^{or first of May at Missouri Jefferson County} 1826.

Deponent has not received any money bounty land or script in the right of his late father or mother. He now files this declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension or arrears of pension money, commutation or half pay due his late father Captain John Lucas and such arrears of pension money it may be found DU his mother, and also bounty land due his father.

S/ John M. Lucas

Sworn to and subscribed before me at the City of Savannah the day and year aforesaid the words "or 1st of May at Missouri Jefferson County" interlined
S/ W. B. Fleming, Judge

State of Pennsylvania Mercer County At a court of Common Pleas held at Mercer in and for said County in the 29th day of March in the year of our Lord 1838 Satisfactory evidence was adduced in court to prove: that Thomas Lucas was the sole heir of Captain John Lucas an officer of the Revolution -- and that Alexander Lucas, John Lucas, Margaret Lucas, Ann Lucas, Martha Lucas and Eliza Lucas all the sole heirs of the said Thomas Lucas deceased by the deposition of Robert Newell. Court ordered proceedings to be entered of record and certified accordingly.

State of Ohio Franklin County: Franklin Court of Common Pleas of the term of May A.D. 1838, the same being a Court of record. Personally came into open court Isaac Taylor who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Captain Thomas Lucas who resided in Franklin County in the State of Pennsylvania when he died, this affiant well knew their children and heirs of the said Thomas Lucas deceased their names were Margaret Lucas, Alexander Lucas

now deceased, John Lucas, Martha Lucas now wife of Jacob Grubb, Ann B. Lucas now intermarried with John Carney which said Ann B. is now dead, and Eliza Y. Lucas. Alexander Lucas died leaving only heirs Margaret N. Lucas, William H. Lucas and Henderson C. Lucas. Ann B. Carney before Ann B. Lucas died leaving heirs Harriet M. Carney and Ann L. Carney, both Alexander Lucas the son of Thomas Lucas and Ann B. Carney formerly Ann B. Lucas died before the said Thomas Lucas, the affiant is quiet satisfied that the persons above named are the only surviving heir's children and grandchildren of Captain Thomas Lucas deceased.
[Attested by Lyne Starling, Jr., Clerk]

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Brief in the case of John Lucas deceased

Brief of the case of a claim for bounty land by John M. Lucas, who is represented to be the son and sole heir of John Lucas, deceased, who it appears was regularly returned as a Captain in the Georgia Continental line, and received from the United States Certificates dated March 17th 1785 four \$2,400, that some being the full amount of the "Commutation Pay" of the said Captain Lucas, who it appears from a portion of the accompanying evidence died in Jefferson County Missouri on the 17th of May or the first of June 1826, down to which period no application for bounty land is shown to have been made by that officer or his heirs at law. But on the 30th of Mays 1838, a land warrant No. 2215, for 300 acres issued to Margaret Lucas and others the children and grandchildren and only heirs at law of Thomas Lucas, deceased, who was the brother and sole heir at law of the aforesaid Captain John Lucas, deceased.

The application in this case was filed by the Honorable James Buchanan, and the warrant delivered to and receipted for by that gentleman.

The papers relating to that issue are herewith submitted, as also are those filed by the attorney of the present applicant John M. Lucas, accompanied by the letters and affidavits of service and identity connected with the present application of John M. Lucas -- all of which are respectfully submitted for your examination and decision thereon.

I also submit the letter of the Honorable James L. Seward acknowledging the receipt of a letter from John M. Lucas and Jeremiah Wilson or Williams, who are stated to be the heirs interested in the claim in favor of Captain John Lucas, deceased.

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Washington 28 May 1838

Dear Sir/

I enclose you a letter which I have received from Miss Margaret Lucas, together with the testimony of Isaac Taylor etc. -- which will I presume be satisfactory.

I now state to you in writing what I have already done verbally that in my youth I was well acquainted with Captain Thomas Lucas, & which is three elder children: and do not entertain a doubt of the justice of the claim of the family.

Yours very respectfully

S/ James Buchanan

William Gordon Esquire

State of Georgia city of Savannah: On this 18th day of April A.D. 1856, personally appeared Catherine Ritter age 106 years and upwards a resident of the Citizen of Savannah, whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that she

was intimately acquainted with Captain John Lucas who served in the Continental Army in Georgia, that he was married to Miss Ann Michael in the year to the best of her recollection 1774, and that she was invited after the marriage to call and see the bride, that they acknowledged one another as man and wife to this deponent, that the marriage of the aforesaid persons took place in Savannah Georgia. She also declares that she has had repeated conversations with Captain John Lucas in his lifetime, & that he raised a large family, and she now recognizes John M. Lucas of the County of Screven State aforesaid, as the son of the aforesaid persons -- Deponent is not interested in the claim of John M. Lucas, or does she expect to receive any reward or compensation for filing this affidavit. She is feeble by reason of old age and is in sound mind.

Sworn to and mark before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. Edens, JP

S/ Catherine Ritter, X her mark

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Georgia

Savannah 5th September 1783

Of these are to certify that Captain John Lucas of the Georgia line is entitled to 150 acres of land as a bounty from this State, and also 150 acres agreeable to a resolution of Congress of the 16th of August 1776.

S/ Lyman Hall

To any court for granting Lands &c
within this State

John Lucas prays your Honor to grant him a warrant on the within certificate for 420 acres of the lands reserved for the officers and soldiers, and your petitioner will pray

To the Honorable the Governor and members of Council at Augusta

I hereby certify that John Lucas Esquire is entitled to the rank of Major in the Army of the United States agreeable to a late act of Congress of gusto 16th of July 1784

S/ John Habersham

Major late Georgia Line

Executive Department Georgia

Milledgeville 29 December 1837

The above is a true copy of an original Certificate of file in this Department

S/ Benjamin T. Bethune, Secy Ex. Dpt. Ga.