

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Lowry R6495

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The State of South Carolina Union District: to wit

On this 5th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions, now sitting for the District aforesaid, Samuel Lowry, a resident of Union District aged seventy-five years who being first duly sworn, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 -- that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- "In the fall or winter of 1775, I enlisted for six months in Rowan County North Carolina, in Captain William Knox's Company and Colonel Alexander Martin's Regiment -- which rendezvoused at Salisbury -- we then marched through Mecklenburg, Chester South Carolina to Raburn's Creek, where we encountered and took a number of Tories under the command of Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] -- whom we delivered to the South Carolina troops, and returned to Salisbury North Carolina. -- We then marched to a place called the cross roads near to Guilford -- where the Scotts [Scotch] & Tories were collecting and drove them off -- when I was taken sick and ordered home -- on my recovery I again joined the Regiment at Cross Creek, and marched to Wilmington where I was discharged regularly by my Captain -- in 1776 when the Indians broke out I volunteered under Captain William Wilson, under the command of General Rutherford, and performed a tour of three months in the nation. -- on my return from the Nation I joined the company commanded by Captain Samuel Young, and served as a Ranger and was employed in resisting the scouting and plundering detachment from Lord Cornwallis's Army which was then on its way to little York. -- after the Departure of Cornwallis's Army I took the smallpox and never again joined the Army. -- I have no documentary evidence of my services and know of no person now alive who knew the in service --

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

In answer to the interrogatories put by the Court -- I answer

1 & 2nd. I was born in Rowan County North Carolina on the 16th of July 1757 and have the record of my age at home.

3. I lived in Rowan when I entered the service and have lived in North & South Carolina ever since the war and now live in Union District South Carolina.

4 & 5. See the within Declaration.

6. See within.

7. I refer to the Reverend Willis Walker and to Colonel James Jeffries to prove my character for truth and moral deportment.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S. Saml. Lowry

[Willis Walker, a clergyman, and Colonel James Jeffries gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Union district: Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for the district aforesaid Mr. Samuel Lowry Senior who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory & removed from that part of the Country in which he listed & served, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served the periods mentioned hereafter and in the years as specified.

In the fall of 1775 (I think in October) I enlisted for six months in Rowan County North Carolina as a private in the Company of Captain William Knox and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin, and cannot better explain the course taken by my officer than I have done in my original application to which I refer. I served out the 6 months as a private and was discharged. My discharge is lost.

In 1776, when the Cherokee Indians commenced hostilities in Burke and the adjoining Counties of North Carolina, I volunteered under Captain William Wilson in Rowan County North Carolina, who was attached to the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]; also of Rowan County North Carolina, as a private; and by reference to the history of the times in the aid of my memory I think we marched on the 15th of July 1776 and returned the 11th of October same year.

When the last mentioned expedition was completed we were exempt from further public duty for 12 months; after the expiration of this period, I volunteered as a private under Captain Samuel Young, a militia officer and served as a mounted Ranger. I cannot say at this distant day, to what Regiment Captain Young's Company was attached, but I think General Rutherford was the General officer. I think it was in October 1779 I joined Captain Young's Company and served as a Ranger. I still continued under the command of Captain Young during the year 1780 until about two weeks before the battle of Guilford in the early part of March 1781, when I was attacked with the smallpox & sent home. I never again joined the Army, the time of service under Captain Young being one year, & five months all of which time I served as a private. The whole time of my service was two years and two months. I cannot fix precisely the dates. I have no documentary evidence in my possession and lived now so far from my former companions in arms, that I do not know if there are any of them alive to testify for me.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 16th of April in the year 1833

S/ Jas. Dawkins, JP

S/ Saml. Lowry