

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Lucas R6506

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State of Tennessee Monroe County

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the Relief of Certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Joel Lucas resident in the County of Monroe in the State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for and during the War, and continued in its service until its termination, at which time I was a private in Captain John Buchanan's Company in the 12th Regiment of the line, commanded by Colonel Hall. I entered the service in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia under Captain Love, and was afterwards transferred to Captain Buchanan's Company in which I served three years and six months until the end of the war as aforesaid when I was regularly discharged at the Barracks near Winchester in Winchester County Virginia – That I have long since lost the Certificate of my discharge. I also declare that I have never received any reward under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Sworn to before made this 25th of June 1830

S/ George C Harris, JP

S/ Joel Lucas, X his mark

[Ennis Hooper and William Burriss gave testimony that the claimant is generally reputed and believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution.]

Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

12 July 1830

Joel Lucas of ___ in the County of Munroe [sic] in the State of Tennessee has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a private in Captain Buchanan's Company, in the ___ regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated

by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
15 July 1830

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

~~It further appears it does not appear that Joel Lucas is now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826— at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

The name of Joel Lucas cannot be found among those of the Virginia line to whom certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

[Not allowed]

General Land Office 15th of July 1830

the name of Joel Lucas does not appear on the List of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia so far as they have been [indecipherable word]

S/ Jno. M. Moore, Clerk

War Department: Bounty land office

August 10th, 1830

the name of Joel Lucas cannot be found on the Records of the Virginia line, among those, entitled to Bounty Lands from the United States, nor has a Land Warrant ever issued in his name.

S/ William Gordon


State of Tennessee Monroe County

On the 20th May A.D. 1836 personally appeared before me E. C. Hoopper one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Joel Lucas a resident of said County of Monroe aged 78 years old who being first Duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the into the service of the United States Army in the year '76 or '77 the precise time not being Exactly recollected but he thinks it was about that time he entered the service with Captain John Buckanan [John Buchanan?] and served in he thinks the 15th Regiment so-called in Pittsylvania County in Virginia and marched from there to Wilkes County in North Carolina and from there to South Carolina to Ninety Six in South Carolina and Applicant thinks there joined the Main Army under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] or General Green [Nathanael Greene] from there we marched to Edgefield we then marched from there to Haw River and there joined another Regiment then commanded by General Pickens [presumably Andrew Pickens] from there we marched towards Guilford Courthouse on our way we overtook about 300 Tories in a long lain [lane] which was cut all to pieces by us cavalry¹ we marched on to Guilford Courthouse where we had a battle [March 15, 1781] with the British I was then commanded by General Greene and Colonel Preston Commanding officers recollected at this time we expected another Battle the next morning the

¹ Veteran appears to be describing the engagement on February 25, 1781 known as Pyle's Defeat, Holt's Race Paths

British was gone General Greene then pursued them three or four days and did not overtake them halted at Ramsour's Mills [sic, Ramsey's Mill] for the rest the Army from Ramsey's Mills he marched for Camden with part of the Army applicant thinks that part was sent back of the same Army and him with them to old Cumberland [? word written over and unclear] Court house in old Virginia where General Lincoln halted us till we built at the Fort to keep the prisoners in called Hessians some Distance above the town applicant thinks about four miles above Winchester in old Virginia and there we guarded the prisoners till I got my Discharge in which I served at least too [two] full years. My discharge was signed by my Captain John Buchanan which has been lost or Destroyed a long time ago. I don't know what has become of it. I did not expect that it would Earr'd [? earn?] me any good After the Revolutionary war applicant moved to Yadkin River and lived too [two] years and then removed to Union County in South Carolina and there lived sixteen years then removed to Blunt [Blount] County East Tennessee and from there to Monroe County where he now lives. The Claimant made application in 1832 and has papers has got misplaced and lost so that he never could have an opportunity to send until now. Sworn to and subscribed before me E. C. Hoopper one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County this Day and date above written.

S/ E. C. Hoopper, JP

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. C. Hoopper". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

[Abraham Reed, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Henry Monroe and E. C. Hooper also gave a separate standard affidavit. In signing this separate affidavit Hooper spelled his last name with only one p.]

State of Tennessee Monroe County: SS

On this 7th day of November 1844, personally appeared in Open Court, Joel Lucas a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June seventh 1832, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779, and served in the 15th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers – viz. – Captain John Buchanan, Major Turk and Colonel Hall and served three years as a private soldier in the Army of the Revolution – and that when he entered the service he resided in Pittsylvania County Virginia, and marched from thence to the State of South Carolina, and continued his march until he reached the Haw River swamps, and was there engaged in skirmish, with the British and Tories, from thence he marched to New York, and there took about 500 prisoners and marched them on to Winchester Court House and fortified within three miles of that place and there guarded them until they were released – and after which he still remained there until he was discharged. He further declares that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no living witness at this time by which to make any further proof. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joel Lucas, X his mark

[Thomas C. Smallin, a clergyman, and S. S. Glen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]