

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lucus R6508

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The State of Mississippi Simpson County SS: In the Circuit Court at October Term 1832:

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed seventh of June 1832.

On this the 15th day of October in the year while Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Edward Turner Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Simpson and State of Mississippi now sitting William Lucus senior a resident of the County of Simpson and State aforesaid aged 76 years on the ninth day of last November who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June seventh 1832

That he the said William Lucus senior enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1774 or in the year 1775 with Nathaniel Cox or Cock and served in the Seventh Regiment of the Virginia Continental line under the following named officers first Lieutenant Edward Wade, second Lieutenant Tapply White [Tarpley White], third Lieutenant Matthew Hopson and General Hampton under which said enlistment as aforesaid he continued and served in the war of the revolution for the period of three years actual service according to the rules and regulations thereof. That he resided in the State of Virginia in the County of Fairfax when he entered the said service as aforesaid. That on first entering said service as aforesaid he marched in said service from the said County of Fairfax to the Town of Petersburg in the State of Virginia, thence to Williamsburg in the said State of Virginia where he believes he was in said service when the Independence of the United States was declared on the fourth day of July 1776. Shortly after which he marched in said service from Williamsburg to Little York in the State of Virginia where he together with said officers and army went into barracks and remained during the winter of 1776 – seven. That during said service perhaps in the year 1777 he was engaged in a battle with the British commanded by Governor Dunmore at Quins Island [Gwinn Island, July 1776] in the State of Virginia in which said battle the Americans defeated the British and dispersed them from the Island. At the expiration of the said term of three years actual service as aforesaid he the said William Lucus senior received a discharge from said service given by the said Captain Nathaniel Cock which is long since lost or destroyed. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. And that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State of the Union. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Lucus, X his mark

The State of Mississippi Rankin County SS: In the Probate Court June Term 1835

On this 22nd day of June in the year 1835 personally appeared before the Honorable Alexander McDonnold Judge of the Court of Probate in and for said County of Rankin and State of Mississippi in open court William Lucus senior resident of said County of Rankin and State aforesaid aged 79 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration supplementary to a declaration made by him on the 15th day of October in the year 1832 in the Circuit Court and here with transmitted to the Department of War in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

That he the said William Lucus enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775 with Captain Nathaniel Cox (or Cocke) and served in the Seventh Regiment of the Virginia Continental line under the following named officers – Captain Nathaniel Cocke first Lieutenant Edward Wade, second Lieutenant Tapply White, third Lieutenant Matthew Hopson that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the name of his Colonel or General under whom he served and being duly sworn as aforesaid he deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served under said enlistment as aforesaid in the Revolutionary War for the period of three years actual service according to the rules and regulations thereof as a private soldier: That he relieth mainly on the declaration made by him in the Sampson County Circuit Court in 1832 & to which this declaration is supplementary & here with returned for the particulars in relation to said service. That since he made said declaration in 1832 he moved from said County of Simpson to that of Rankin where he now resides.

S/ William Lucus senr., X his mark

[Note: Captain Nathaniel Cocke, Lieutenant Edward Wade and Lieutenant Tapply White are all listed in Gwathmey as being officers in the seventh Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. I could find no officer by the name of Hopson or Hobson.]