

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lucas R6509

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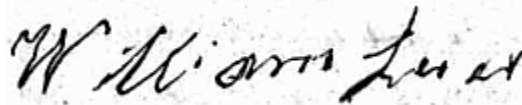
State of Indiana County of Clay } In the Clay Probate Court that the February Term for the year
1845

The present the Honorable Daniel Harris Sole Judge of said Court: When the following proceedings were had, to wit:

On this 19th day of February A.D. 1845, before the Probate Court of the County of Clay in said State of Indiana, now sitting, personally appeared in open Court, William Lucas, a resident of Cass Township in the County of Clay, and State of Indiana aforesaid, aged Eighty one years, on the 31st day of December A.D. 1844, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth 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: the names of the officers under whom he served were Colonel John Collier, Lieutenant Colonel Tibby Belford, Captain John Knight, Lieutenant Emanuel Brookshire; That he entered the service of the United States under the above named Captain John Knight, as one of Captain Knight's Company; it was towards the close of the War; he cannot state the day nor month when he entered the service, but to the best of his recollection the services he rendered were rendered in the fall and winter of the year 1781; That he was a volunteer, and was in actual service, three months; That at the time he entered the service he resided in Randolph County North Carolina; That he was in his 17th year when part of the services were rendered, and the residue in his 18th year; That he was in no engagement; That he was marched through Randolph, Chatham and Montgomery Counties North Carolina; that he belonged to what was called the Minute Service. -- And that part of the time Captain Edward Williams' Company, and Captain Knight's Company were joined, and served together when it was thought that much danger was near. That he has no record of his age; And that he has no certificate of discharge or documentary evidence of his services, that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the same.

And that he hereby relinquishes every claim 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, or Territory.

S/ William Lucas



Subscribed and sworn to in open Court on the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: C. C. Modesitt, Clk

[Montgomery Hobbs and John Case gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Clay Probate Court, and answers of William Lucas

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, on the 31st day of December in the year 1764.

Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I resided when called into service, in Randolph County North Carolina. After the war I moved to Montgomery County in North Carolina, and I now reside in Cass Township Clay County Indiana

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. there was a record of my age in my father's Bible, but what has become of it I am not able to say.

How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was a volunteer -- in Captain John Knight's Company and was sometimes Joined with Captain Knight's men to Captain Edward Williams' Company when much danger was thought to be near.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received any.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Lieutenant Colonel Tibby Belford, Colonel John Collier, were officers under whom I served, Major Thomas Dugan was an officer in Randolph County, but he never commanded Captain Knight's or Captain Williams' Companies. I was in no engagements. The business of the Company to which I belonged as was also that of Captain Williams, was to guard the settlement, against the British and Tories, we rode frequently all day and all night, and suffered very much from cold weather.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Montgomery Hobbs, John Case, Samuel Stigler, Greenberry Drake, John Slack, Samuel Risley, Henry Kelly, John Lathrum, Nicholas G. Cromwell, Robert H. Paine, Georgia Eli, Benjamin C. Pain, William Zenor, Peter Hinote, Harrison Dalgram, John Cash, Abram Darting, Joseph Johnston & James Scarlet

The above questions were propounded by the Court, and answered as set forth by a William Lucas, under oath.

S/ Daniel Harris, Probate Judge

February 19th 1845

[Transcribers Note: This veteran would not have qualified for a pension from the federal government for his service in the Revolution because he did not assert that he served at least six

months in the militia or Continental line. Six months service was the threshold for qualifying for a federal pension.]