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Pension application of John Lucas S11010

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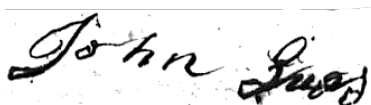
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State of Alabama Dale County} On the 17 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court for the County of Dale John Lucas of the State and County aforesaid and being duly sworn on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 7th day of March [sic] 1832 saith that he is a of the age of Seventy Nine years and entered in the service of the United States as a drafted soldier under the command [of] General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], Col. Wind [sic, Col. Richard Winn], Major Tate, Captain Johnston and served six months, then volunteered under the command [of] General Sumter and fought under his command and General Clarke [Elijah Clarke of Georgia] at the Blackstock's [November 20, 1780]¹ also at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781],² he entered the service in the State of South Carolina Camden District, Marched from thence through the State of South Carolina, Georgia and to Augustine [St. Augustine] under the command of General Lee [Charles Lee]³ and served the whole of the War, and I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to any pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of November 1832.

S/ John Lucas



[Edward Chitty, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Dale County} On this first day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before William Harper Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid now sitting John Lucas, a resident of the State of Alabama and County of Dale aforesaid aged Eighty 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 act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he was drafted in the Service of the United States under the following named

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

³ Charles Lee led the first Florida Expedition [August-December 1776]

<https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/campaigns/1776-firstfloridaexpedition/>

officers, and served as herein stated.

I was drafted for six months in the State of South Carolina Camden District where I resided under the command of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], Colonel Win [sic, Winn] and Major Tate and was marched from thence to Augusta Georgia, and from thence to Savannah in the same State of Georgia and from thence to St. Augustine in Florida. I was during that draft at the battle of Saint Maries [St. Mary's River] and at the battle of Augustine[?—this word is cut off] and various other battles,⁴ From thence returned to South Carolina my six months draft having expired: I then volunteered under the command of General Morgain [sic, Daniel Morgan?], General Sumter and marched to Black Stock [sic, Blackstock's], was at the Battle of Blackstock's I was at the Battle of the Cowpens; and in the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]⁵ battle all in the State of South Carolina; I was engaged from the commencement of the Revolutionary War to the end and my service was performed in the State of South Carolina with the exception of the six months I am wholly unable to state the day and month and year when I entered the service in the time I left the same and many other particulars which would of been useful in the investigation of my claim by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory. I served during the war, and my sufferance during that period was very great. I, know of no person only my Brother Randolph Lucas whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service and he can only testify to that performed in South Carolina, All of whom are deceased or moved beyond my knowledge. At the expiration of my term of service I received a discharge in South Carolina that I had the misfortune of getting my house burnt since the close of the war together with my discharge. (My house was burned in the State first aforesaid). 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.

Q 1st Where and in what year were you born?

1. I was born in the year 1754 in the State of North Carolina

Q 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

2. I had a record of my age but got it burnt together with my house

Q 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

3. I was living in the State of South Carolina Winnsborough District. I moved from South Carolina to this State of Alabama and now reside in Alabama.

Q 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

4. I was drafted for Six months and after the expiration of that time I volunteered and served during the war.

Q 5th 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.

5. I have stated all that I am able in the Declaration hereunto included

Q 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

6. I did receive a discharge and got it burnt together with my house in the State first aforesaid

Q 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who

⁴ This may be an attempt to refer to the first Florida Expedition (see footnote above). Him him

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

7. Edward Chitty and Asa Dean can testify as to my character etc.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid

S/ John Lucas

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lucas". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ William Harper, JCDC

[Edward Chitty, a clergyman, and Asa Dean gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared in open Court Randolph Lucas⁶ who after being first duly sworn according to law deposes and saith that he has carefully examined the foregoing Declaration of the applicant of John Lucas for a pension and so far as relates to his services in the State of South Carolina he believes to be true and as for his services while drafted for Six months in the State of Georgia he cannot say as he was not personally acquainted with his services and that State, but that he always understood that he served as he states.

S/ Randolph Lucas, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]

⁶ [Randolph Lucas W8265](#)