

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Musick S16988

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Missouri County of St. Louis } SS.

On this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord 1834, personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of St. Louis County, now sitting, David Musick, a resident of the County of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, aged 70 years old the 13th day of March 1833, 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 after stated; that is to say, he was born in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia, about three miles from Charlottesville, on the 13th day of March in the year 1763, where he resided until he arrived at the age of thirteen years, when his father, Abraham Musick removed to Rutherford County, in the State of North Carolina, and took this deponent with him, where he resided with his father until he arrived at the age [of] Sixteen years, when he volunteered to serve as a private Soldier, under Captain \_\_ Price [Thomas Price], who was attached to Colonel James Miller's Regiment of volunteers from the County of Rutherford, in said State which marched into the State of South Carolina, and joined General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], at Blackstock's Mills, in said State of South Carolina, and this deponent was actually in the engagement which took place at said mills between the British and the Americans [Battle of Blackstocks, November 20, 1780] -- General Sumter of South Carolina, commanding the American troops, and Colonel James Miller and Captain \_\_ Price the Regiment and Company to which this deponent was attached and belonged. This tour of duty was undertaken and performed in the year 1779 [sic, 1780], in which this deponent served three months, in the following manner, that is to say, he returned home, to Rutherford County, North Carolina, in company with & under the Command of Captain Price, after the affair with the British as aforesaid, when Captain Price, proceeded with his Company against the Indians into, and upon the frontier of South Carolina, in that part of said State, in which he is at present included in Spartanburg County, from whence he returned, after being discharged from service, & arrived at home, about the latter end of Summer of said year.

In the spring of the following (1780), this deponent, volunteered to serve a tour of duty under Captain \_\_ Watson [John Watson] , and started from the residence of his father, in Rutherford County, North Carolina, about the first of May, in said year, under command of said Watson; who was attached to Colonel Joseph McDowell's Regiment, from Burke County North

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<sup>1</sup> the cover sheet for this file indicates that the veteran served as a Captain during the war of 1812

Carolina, in a Campaign against the Cherokee Indians in that part of the State of Tennessee, which adjoins the State of North Carolina. In this tour he served two months, when he was marched back to Rutherford County North Carolina, but was not discharged from duty, but was placed to guard the frontier, at Colonel John Yearl's [?] Station, where he remained until the fall of the same year, say about the first of October, when he again volunteered as a private, to serve a tour under Captain Lewis Musick, (the brother of this deponent) who commanded a company of volunteers, from Rutherford County, North Carolina, which was marched into the State of South Carolina, and joined Colonel \_\_ Kilgore's [Benjamin Kilgore's] Regiment, of South Carolina Militia at, Hight's old field, at that time on the Indian Land's within the boundary of South Carolina, This declarant states that in this tour, Colonel Kilgore broke up the Indian towns on the East side of the mountains amongst which were the towns of Eastaxtoway [?] & Stockings [?]=Town: and two other Indian villages, the names of which is not now recollected by him -- the Americans had no regular battles, but were almost daily engaged in skirmishes, & a kind of border warfare peculiar to the Indians. This declarant was engaged in this campaign, till the first of November, when he returned to the residence of his father, in Rutherford County, North Carolina in the same year, when he was discharged. In this tour he served two months, at least.

Shortly after the period above mentioned, say the first day of December of the same year, this declarant enlisted for one year under Captain John McLane [John McClain], who commanded a company of North Carolina Rangers, as they were then called, from the County of Rutherford in the State aforesaid -- when the time for marching out on the frontier arrived, which was about the time this declarant enlisted Captain McLane from some cause unknown to this declarant, did not go out with the Company; & the command devolved on his Lieutenant Lewis Musick (the brother of this declarant) under whom he had served a tour as aforesaid -- who marched his company out to John Cummins' fort, on the frontier, where he was kept, until sometime in January of the year 1781 (when Lieutenant) then Captain Lewis Musick, marched his Company, to join Colonel James Miller's Regiment of North Carolina Militia, at Rutherford Court House, in Rutherford County, Colonel James Miller, then marched his Regiment, to & joined General Andrew McDowell of the North Carolina Militia, on the South fork of Catawba River, from thence General <sup>Andrew</sup> McDowell [sic, probably a mistaken attempt to reference Charles McDowell] marched his troops to Guilford Court House North Carolina, where he arrived on the 7th day of March 1781. This declarant, was detached to serve under Major Daniel Singleton, who commanded a detachment, of about 150 men, on the night of the 7th of March 1781, to march to some mills about 9 miles distant, from Guilford Court House, where it was expected, to fall in with a part of the British troops. This declarant, at this time, understood that this detachment had been sent out, under the express order of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], who was then in command of the Americans at Guilford Court House, and in consequence of being detailed as aforesaid, he was not in the Battle which was fought on the 8th of March 1781 [sic, March 15, 1781], at Guilford Court House, between the British and the Americans. After the Battle at Guilford Court House, this declarant was marched by his Captain Lewis Musick to the frontiers of the State of North Carolina where he was stationed at the various forts of John Cummins, Jarvis Greens and William Mills, until the Summer of 1781, when he was marched into the State of South Carolina, against a band of Tories commanded by a man by the name of Cunningham, who had killed some eighteen men, about eighteen miles from Yearly's [?] fort, in North Carolina. He was with the party that pursued Cunningham, the Tory, as far as a place called Ninety Six in South Carolina, from thence this declarant returned back, to the forts on the frontiers of North Carolina as above named, where he remained until September

1781, when Captain L. Musick marched this declarant with his Company, to join Colonel James Miller's Regiment of North Carolina militia, at Mills Station on Green River, in Rutherford County North Carolina, from thence they marched to Hommeny [Hominy?] Creek, on the French Broad River, where they joined General McDowell of the North Carolina militia. From thence he was marched in company with General McDowell to what was called the middle settlements in the Cherokee nation of Indians. In the first skirmish which took place between the Americans and Indians after their arrival in the Indian Country, Captain Lewis Musick, the declarant Captain & brother, was killed dead by the Indians. This declarant, continued with General McDowell, who was continually destroying and breaking up the Indian towns & villages of the Cherokee nation of Indians as far as a place called "Big Shumate" from whence he was marched back to the parts of the front tears of North Carolina above mentioned, where he continued until he was discharged at the expiration of the year for which he had enlisted as aforesaid.

This declarant, remained after his discharge in Rutherford County, North Carolina, until the year 1791, when he removed to the State of Kentucky, and lived the first year of his arrival in Kentucky, with Richard Hickman, in Fayette County, and the next year with his brother Jehwidda Musick [sic, Jededeah Musick?] in Bourbon County, Kentucky, where he remained until the year 1794 when he removed to the then North West Territory now state of Illinois, at Whitesides Station, where he remained until the 27th day of October 1795, when he removed across the Mississippi [River], into what was then called Upper Louisiana, and settled in a farm in St. Louis County, 14 miles North West of the City of St. Louis, where he has resided ever since, and where he now resides.

This deponent 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Chouteau, Clerk

S/ David Musick

[Alexander McAlister, a clergyman, and David Barton gave the standard supporting affidavit]

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And the St. Louis County Court, being now in session, for the February Term of said Court, for the year of our Lord 1834, propounded the following interrogatories to David Musick, an applicant for a pension, on account of services as a soldier in the Revolution, as stated in the foregoing declaration

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- I was born in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia, near Charlottesville, on the 13th day of March 1763.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer -- I have a record of my age, which is the entry made of my birth by my Grandfather David Lewis, in a book called "Backster's Call," [sic, Baxter's Call to the Unconverted to Turn and Live] which book is now in the possession of Uri Musick, in the County of St. Louis, and State of Missouri.

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

Answer -- I. lived when called into service, in Rutherford County North Carolina; and I live there about 8 or 9 years after the Revolutionary war, 2 years, immediately after that in the State of Kentucky, one year, in the State of Illinois and the residue of the time on my farm in St. Louis

County in this State where I now live, and all of which facts are fully stated in the foregoing declaration.

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

Answer -- I always volunteered -- never was drafted -- and never was a substitute, as is fully set forth, in my declaration above.

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Answer -- This is as fully done in my declaration as I can state them, & to do again, would but be a repetition of the same facts.

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

Answer -- I always received my discharge from the service, from my captains, I believe, but it has been so long ago, that I cannot state what has become of them, for I do not believe that I have seen them for 50 years -- I took no care of them and have long since lost or mislaid them.

7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Answer -- I am known, I believe, to every man, in my neighborhood, who has lived there any time, for I have lived 38 years, on the same place I now reside in this County, and when my farm was the first that was opened in the County of St. Louis -- to all of whom, I refer this honorable Court, for my character for veracity and to the character I have established as a man and a citizen -- and I am as fully and as intimately known to all the 3 judges of this honorable Court, as to any other persons in this County with all of whom, I have been intimately acquainted for more than 20 years.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

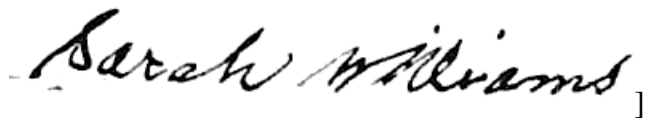
S/ David Musick



this 21st day of February in the year 1834

S/ Henry Chouteau, Clerk

[p 18: On November 17, 1833, Sarah Williams, "of lawful age" gave testimony in St. Louis County that she has known David Musick since 1763; and that he served all the tours he referenced in his declaration—she gives the names of the same officers and describes the same tours (in less detail) that the veteran described in his declaration. She doesn't state how she knew him.



[p 19: Susannah Sullins gives an affidavit similar to Sarah Williams' affidavit except Susannah says she has known the veteran since 1774 and she gives less detail of his services than Williams

gave.

*Susanna Fullino*

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[facts in file: veteran died November 19, 1837, leaving a widow whose name does not appear in the file; the veteran is referred to in a letter dated in 1834 as "Col. David Musick" the source of that rank is not given; he was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum.]