

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Knox S31802

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State of Georgia, County of Jackson: SS

On the 3rd day of October personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of said County Jackson Samuel Knox of the County of Jackson and State of Georgia aged Eighty Six 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 7th June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated. That he was drafted in the State of North Carolina year not recollected, under Col. Davy [*William Richardson Davie*] and under the immediate command of Capt. Thomas Cowan and was mustered below Charlotte in North Carolina and was there Stationed near three months. This expedition was immediately after Gates [*Horatio Gates*] was defeated at Camden [*Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780*]<sup>1</sup> in South Carolina and during which time the British army under Cornwallis was at Charlotte [*late September and early October 1780*]. That he was in the Service at this time near three months, that he again volunteered under Capt. Joseph Dixon [*Joseph Dickson*] in Rowan County and joined the regiment commanded by Col. Locke [*Francis Locke*] and was engaged in watching the movements of the British army while in Charlotte and helping in the Scouting and foraging parties of the British Army in this service he was engaged two weeks. That he again Volunteered in the same County under Capt. Thomas Cowan and joined companies commanded by Captains Armstrong [*William Armstrong*] and Fall [*Gilbreath Falls*], and fought a Battle with Tories at Ramsour's Mill [*June 20, 1780*]<sup>2</sup> where Capt. Armstrong was killed and where the Tories were defeated and afterward was employed in attempting to prevent the British under Lord Cornwallis from crossing the Catawba sometime before the Battle at Guilford [*March 15, 1781*]. That he went out in this service some more these two weeks. That General Davidson [*William Lee Davidson*] was killed on the bank of the Catawba when the British crossed [*Battle of Cowan's Ford, February one, 1781*],<sup>3</sup> and that after the British crossed the Catawba he was with the army in pursuit of Cornwallis as far [as] the *haw* fields in Orange County North Carolina and was at that place sent as an express to General Greene [*Nathanael Greene*] who was marching to the South and met with Genl. Greene's army at a considerable distance on the other or East side of Dan river and then returned to the *Haw* fields with an express from Genl. Greene to Col. Dickson which express Genl. Greene had enclosed in his saddle pad. That he was out in the last service Five months or more. The Declarant States that he had omitted a Tour of duty he had performed before the Battle at Ramsour's Mills under Genl. Davidson. That he volunteered and went under him to scout a party of Tories that had collected at Coleston's [*Colson's Mill, July 21, 1780*]<sup>4</sup> near the Yadkin river North Carolina, had an engagement with the Tories at that place and routed them, does not recollect the name of the Tory commander. In this service he was engaged two weeks or more.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ramseurs\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cowans\\_ford.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_colsons\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_colsons_mill.html)

The above and foregoing are all the Service that he recollects of performing in the Revolutionary War, and that he rendered the whole as a mounted Militia furnishing his own Horse and arms etc.

To the following Interrogations propounded to him his answers as follows viz.

1st. Qst. Where & in what year were you born? Ans. I was born in Hanover County Pennsylvania in 1747.

2nd. Qst. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Ans. I have a record of my age in my family Bible

3rd. Qst. Where were you living when you entered into Service, where have lived since the Revolutionary War and where are you now living? Ans. I Lived in Rowan County North Carolina. 4th I removed to Georgia in the year 1786 and Settled in Wilkes County and afterwards moved into Jackson County where I now live.

4th Qst. How were you called into Service? Ans. The first tour of duty for three months I was called by a draft, in all the other tours I volunteered.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served with continental and Militia regiments as you recollect and the general circumstances of your Service. Ans. Genl. Greene was the only continental officer that I knew. I understood that Col. Davy also was but did not know. I have mentioned the regiments that I was acquainted and the Genl. circumstances of my Service in my General Declaration.

6th Qst. Did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? Ans. I have no recollection of receiving any discharge. If I did, I know not what has become of it. About the close of the War I received the commission attached to this declaration.

7th Qst. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to character for veracity and good behavior, your service as a revolutionary soldier. Ans. Joseph R. Cunningham, James Liddell, Edward Story, Middleton Brooks, Andrew Cunningham.

I served nine months in the several tours and have no documentary evidence by which to establish my claim nor do I know any person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to that service. I have no claim whatever except the present to any pension or annuity and my name is not upon the pension roll of any State agency.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Knox

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Knox". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Samuel Knox".

*[Robert McAlpin, a clergyman, and Joseph T. Cunningham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]*

*[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]*