

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Lloyd S32382

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State of Indiana Decatur County

On this 5th day of February in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Decatur Circuit Court in and for the said County of Decatur in the State of Indiana Samuel Lloyd a resident of said County of Decatur aged eighty-seven years the 27th May next (who by reason of extreme old age and bodily infirmity is wholly unable to appear in open Court for the purpose of making this his Declaration for a pension therein) 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. Sometime in the summer of 1776 -- the precise month he cannot now remember he was classed, as a minute man to be ready at all times to march off at a moment's warning to suppress the Tories and to repel the British from the borders of his State, North Carolina, and continued in service as a minute man first on duty, and then off from duty, up to the last of the year 1781, under the following named officers (to wit) Colonel Lee & Colonel Crawford (Major forgotten) Captain Garrett and first Sergeant Armstrong -- the rest of his company officers he has forgotten. His amount of service for each year, from 1776 to 1781 was about equal and as near as applicant can now remember stands thus, In the year of 1776, he served not less than four months. In the year of 1777 he served not less than four months and a half, In the year of 1778, he served not less than four months. In the year 1779, he served not less than four months and a half. In the year of 1780 he served not less than four months and in the year 1781 -- he served not less than five months which added together make at least the term of two years and two months -- which he served in the service of the United States for which service he now claims a pension. These two years and two months are made up of innumerable tours of a week, a month, and two months at a time of constant service and duty as a soldier -- to pretend to give a correct statement of all of the marches and countermarches at this remote period, would be not only presumption in itself, but attempting that on his part which he could never hope to accomplish accurately: But his services were rendered principally in Wake County North Carolina, at which place applicant resided during the Revolutionary War -- and also at the following places (to wit) that Rolla Court-house [sic, Raleigh Courthouse?], on Haw River, the Yadkin [River], at Crawford's farms, on Noose River [sic, Neuse River] and that the falls of

Noose River -- On Pedee [River], and various other places the names of which he cannot now possibly remember. He was also at Guilford Court house as many as 2 or 3 times during his service, and when Lord Cornwallis marched into Virginia, he was commanded by Colonel Crawford he thinks and ordered to march to Virginia and as they were about receiving orders to march, the news of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis reached them and they company to which he was attached was thereupon discharged, and they were permitted to return home, and he thinks that, this was the last of his service. Applicant supposes that he was drafted as he was compelled to go whenever the times required his services and in case of a noncompliance on his part he would have had a hearing fine to have paid. He was in no real Battles, but in many skirmishes with the Tories, as the Country at that time had more to apprehend from them, then from the British and Indians. As applicant has remarked above he cannot state the particulars of his marches, but he marched through the whole region of Country which is composed of Wake County, and to the following designated places (to wit) Rolla Court-house, Noose River, Noose River Falls, Crawford's farms, into Guilford County to Guilford Court-house to Pedee River to Haw River & the Yadkin and in many more places which he cannot now name. He does not now recollect the names of any Continental companies or Regiments with whom he served but he recollects of serving with Regular troops at Rolla Court-house he thinks, and in some other places, but his mind is so completely impaired that he cannot pretend to state what Regiment or company they belonged or the officers names who commanded them. He recollects of seeing General Greene, General Lee, General Muhlenberg, and also General Washington he thinks -- but the whole transactions of these services at this time seems to him more like an indistinct dream than anything else. If the department wish to hear some of the particulars respecting himself at that time, he can state that he was often hunted by armed Tories like a wild bear and often had to lie concealed for days together in the weeds and standing grain to save his own life, one time in particular one Gordon a Tory officer and another man came to his house armed with loaded muskets and fixed bayonets, and demanded of his wife where her husband was, she told them that he was not at home, applicant was then concealed in the weeds, and the said Gordon and his companion went in pursuit of him, and came near him, bending down the high grass and weeds with their muskets, the wife of this applicant cautioned them, against persisting in their pursuit, and told them that her husband might be nearby and if he was, he was armed with a loaded musket and would kill one or both of them, whereupon they desisted from further pursuit, and went about their business. At other times when applicant was absent from home on duty as a soldier a band of Tories would come to his house, insult his wife, and threatened to destroy everything around the premises if she would not cook dinners for them, and she would have to comply through necessity, and one time so great a number came at one time that it took all of the provisions which his family depended upon for a support to feed the company, and his own family must surely have suffered had it not been for the young corn which was just then beginning to if it for roasting ears. He could state many more things but deems it unnecessary. He has no documentary or written evidence, and he knows of but one person living, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and that person is his son James Lloyd who recollect many things relating to his service (see affidavit here with sent). 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel Lloyd, X his mark

[William Clemens, a clergyman, and Edward Duncan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to the 7 Questions prescribed by the War Department

Answer to 1st Question. I was born in Essex County Virginia on the Rappahannock River the 27th day of May 1747. Answer to the 2nd Question. I have no Record of my age I only speak from what my parents have told me yet I am not mistaken in my age. I am confident.

Answer to the 3rd Question When I was called into service I resided in Wake County North Carolina and continued to reside there during the whole of the Revolutionary War. Since the Revolution I have resided in the State of Kentucky for more than forty years = from thence I removed to the County of Decatur Indiana where I now reside. Answer to 4th Question. I was drafted. Answer to 5th Question. I cannot state the names of any Regular officers who were with the troops where I served. There were Continental and Militia Regiments and companies, but by whom they were commanded I cannot now pretend to say for I cannot recollect all of my own officers names. The General circumstances of my service are stated within.

Answer to 6th Question. I never received any other discharge than a verbal one from my officers and a credit in the class Book for my service each time. Answer to 7th Question Eugene [illegible], Wm Clemens, William Caleb, Otha White, Joshua Caleb and all who know me = Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Lloyd, X his mark

State of Indiana Decatur County: On the 5th day of February 1834 personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Decatur County Circuit Court Samuel Lloyd the above named applicant for a pension under the law of 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law 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, nor to the particular marches which he performed but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades to wit -- For at least 2 years I served as a private in the Army of the revolution in the service of the United States and for such services I now claim a pension.

S/ Samuel Lloyd, X his mark

[On February 5, 1834 in Decatur County Indiana, James Lloyd, 64, gave testimony that he is the son of Samuel Lloyd, an applicant for a pension under the 1832 act; that his father lived in Wake County North Carolina during the time of the revolution; that he was aware of his father services during the revolution; "that he well remembers that to particular circumstances mentioned in the within declaration by his father where the Tories hunted his father in the weeds and grass; and also he recollects of the company of Tories who came to the house in his father's absence and told his mother that unless she would cook dinners for the company, they would burn the house over her head, and insulted her in many ways. Deponent also recollects of his father sleeping on the top of a corn crib frequently for fear of the Tories who always on the lookout for him when he was not on duty from home."]

[On April 28, 1834, James Lloyd gave testimony that his father, Samuel Lloyd, died April 24, 1834 in Decatur County, Indiana.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service in the revolution.]