

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Knox S38900

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

South Carolina Chester District

Personally appeared before me, Langdon Cheves,² one of the Associate Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of South Carolina aforesaid, William Knox, of Chester District, in the State aforesaid, who made oath, That he enlisted as a private in Captain William Brown's company, in the 6th Regiment of the South Carolina line commanded, at that time, by Colonel Thomas Sumter & afterwards by Colonel Henderson [William Henderson]. That he enlisted for fifteen months. That according to an [indecipherable word] at the time of the enlistment, he got a Substitute (his Brother Samuel Knox) to serve for a certain time at the commencement -- he believes about six months -- That he served personally for the remainder of the term of enlistment -- That he continued to serve in said Regiment under the said enlistment until about eighteen months from the time of enlistment, when he was discharged at the Camp near Santee River. That from his reduced Circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for Support.

S/ William Knox



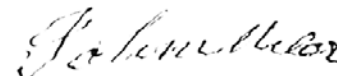
Sworn before made this 20 July 1818

S/ Langdon Cheves

John Miller³ being duly sworn maketh oath, that William Knox was a soldier of William Brown's Company, in the 6th Regiment South Carolina line commanded by Thomas Sumter & afterwards by Colonel Henderson. That he does not remember the time of his enlistment, but he recollects very well the time of his discharge. That deponent served in the same company & Regiment & was discharged the same day.

Sworn to before me this 20th July 1818

S/ John Miller



¹ HeritageQuest version is much more legible than the Fold3.com version.

² There is a letter in the file from Cheves and dated July 20, 1818, in which he transmits to the Pension Office the applications of Benjamin Bowan [sic, I could find no application for a veteran of this name or "Benjamin Bowen" who claimed service in SC. There was a file for a [Benjamin Bowen W20743](#) but he filed under the 1832 for services rendered in NC]; Jacob Jarvis [I found no file for him]; [Charles Kea S39039](#); [Joseph Brown S39225](#); John Miller [John Miller S38950](#); William Knox [this veteran]; and [John Smith S39078](#)

³ [John Smith S39078](#)

S/ Langdon Cheves

Schedule

State of South Carolina Chester district

On this 13th day of October 1824 personally appeared in open Court, being the Court of Common Pleas (a Court of record) for the said District William Knox aged sixty-eight years resident of South Carolina in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, viz.: In the 6th Regiment under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in Captain Brown's Company during eighteen months and that he has received a pension, and a number of the Pension [indecipherable word or words] is 7275 and the original application was on or about the 20th day of July 1818.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule of Property

one cow and calf	\$14.00
a 2 year old Bull	5.00
one Shot Gun	7.00
a Wheel and Cards	3.00
one Chest	1.00
3 augers	1.25
3 old Chairs	.75
one Small pot & frying pan	2.00
Coffee pot	.75
Half a Dozen knives & forks ½ Dozen spoons	1.50
½ Dozen Pewter Plates	2.00
2 pans two Mugs 3 Cups and saucers	1.00
2 Small pitchers	.37 ½
for Small Duantes [?] & two large ones	2.50
one Dish two plates	50
a Small tea Kettle	1.00
one hand saw two chissels	1.20
one Pot rack pair of tongs & fire Shovel	2.50
a Wash Tub & Pail	1.00
a pocket knife	.37 ½
2 small axes and a Mattock	3.00
a hand ax and a hammer	.50
a Cooper's Howell	.50
Books	4.00
a Saddle and Bridle	7.00
thirty Bushells Corn	10.00

two Ploughs	1.00
a Small sifter	1.00
one Umbrella	4.00
Also an annuity of \$60 per year as a pension from the State of South Carolina but its duration is uncertain	<u>60.00</u>
	\$145.23

And that his Occupation is that of a Former and that he is not well able to procure it being old and disabled in the Revolutionary War his family residing with him consist of none but himself and his wife who is about the same age with himself and that they are not capable of Supporting themselves.

S/ Wm Knox

Sworn to and declared on the 30th day of October 182- [last digit missing]
Before
S/. David Johnson, Associate Judge

[Facts in file: the veteran died October 1, 1830; the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 20, 1818, for service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ⁴ relating to William Knox Audited Account No. 4373	pp 67
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[p 6]
[No. 328 Book I 15 October 1784]
Mr. William Knox his Account of 254 days Militia Duty in 1780 & 1781
Amounting to £62 Stg. [Sterling]
Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]
J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Rec'd the 15th October 1784 full Satisfaction for the within Account in an Indent No. 328 Book I
for £62.0.00 Sterling in virtue of an Order

S/ Robert Knox



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State of South Carolina To William Knox

Dr.

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

1780	For 110 Days served as Self and Horse at 20/ [20 shillings old SC Currency per day]	£110
	For 144 Days at 45/ per Day Col. Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment	<u>324</u>
		<u>£434</u>
		62

Personally appeared William Knox and made Oath that the above Account is Just and true Sworn before me this 5th June 1783

S/ Phil. Walker, JP

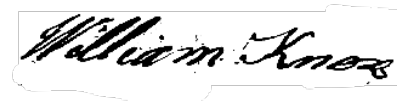
S/ William Knox



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I do hereby Impower the Bearer Mr. Robert Knox to receive an Indent to the Amount of my Account Against the publick for Service Done &c

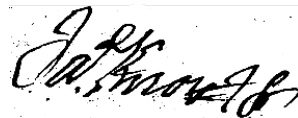
S/ William Knox



To Edward Blake & Peter Bocquett Esquires
Commissioners of the Publick Treasury

I do Certify the above was Signed and acknowledged before me this the 17th of May 1785

S/ James Knox, JP



[p 9: Relate to a claim by this same veteran for the loss of 2 horses for which he received an indent No. 267 Book Z dated 12 April 1787. There is no documentation indicating when and where the horses were lost]

[p 10]

Petition of Hugh Knox praying compensation for services rendered in the late War
Claims

This Indent drawn by Robert Knox
examine Treasury

Petition of William Knox, praying compensation for his Services in the Late war – And a pension
Claims

[p 11]

State of So. Carolina

To the Honorable the Senate of the said State
The humble petition of William Knox Sheweth

That your petitioner was wounded in the late Revolutionary War while in actual Service of his Country, under the command of Colonel Edward Lacey.

Being Officer of the Day at the Congaree Fort [Fort Granby], as he went out to relieve the Guard his Mare was shot under him which fell & dislocated one of the Bones of his Leg. That your petitioner served through the whole of the War with Faithfulness; and never while capable of supporting himself and family would condescend to make Application for Any Compensation, for his Services & Loss –

But your petitioner is now become an Old Man, in very indigent Circumstances, [undeciphered word or words] therefore constrained to make known, to your honorable Body his present Situation of Life & request that you would take his Case into immediate Consideration and if from the Legality of his Claim, you think him entitled to your Benevolence and patronage, grant him Compensation for his Mare, And place his Name on the pension List, with a Right to draw pay as far back as any Others. And your petitioner will ever pray &c
November. 1808

S/ William Knox



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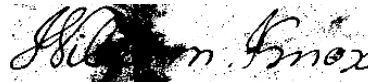
State of So. Carolina Chester District } William Knox appeared personally before Us & made Oath as Law directs & saith that about the month of February 1781 in an Attempt to take the Congaree Fort, under the Command of Colonel Edward Lacey, he the said William Knox was Officer of the Day & he went out to relieve the Guard his Mare was shot, by the Enemy which fell upon him & dislocated as he supposes one of the Bones of his leg where it ends The Socket at his knee; & that he has never received any Compensation for his said Mare.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 13th of June 1808

S/ Charles Boyd, JQ

S/ J. S. McKown, JP

William Knox



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South Carolina Chester District } personally Appeared Samueal Millar [sic] before Me the Subscribing Justice and Made oath as the law directs Saith that on the Month of February 1781 William Knox under the Command of Colonel Edward Lacey he the Said Knox Was officer of the Day he Went out to Relieve the guard at the Congaree Fort the Enemy Came out of the Fort on him and shot his Mare under him Which fell upon him and when he got up he said that he was Badly hurt and he saith further on his oath that the Mare Was Worth Eighty Dollars

Sworn and Subscribed

Before Me this 15th March 1808

S/ Jas. Strong, JQ

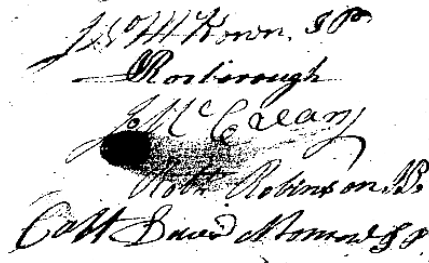
S/ Samuel Millar, M his mark

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State of So. Carolina Chester District } We do hereby certify That the Subject Matter contained in the petition of William Knox, is just & true – & would therefore recommend him to the Cognizance of the Legislature.

S/ K. McKown

S/ J. Rosborough
S/ J. McCreary
S/ Robert Robinson, JP
S/ Cap. David [undeciphered] JP

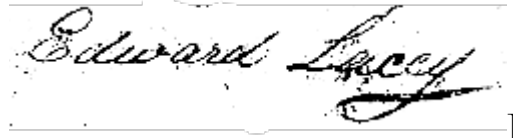


Handwritten signatures of J. Rosborough, J. McCreary, Robert Robinson, and Cap. David.

[p 16: Another petition, this one dated December 6, 1809 addressed to the South Carolina Senate seeking the same Compensation as covered in his prior petition.]

[p 20: This is a very poor image of an affidavit given by Edward Lacey in support of Knox's petition for compensation for his horse and to be placed on the pension list. I can make some of the words, but if anyone has the opportunity to see the original and transcribe it, please consider letting us post it in this database. What follows is what I can discern from the image posted online.]

[The top portion of the document appears to be a letter from Edward Lacey to William Knox containing Lacey's affidavit. This document is dated September the 2nd 1809 and was sent from what appears to be "Centerville County"⁵ but the state cannot be discerned. The signature of Colonel Lacey is however very clear as follows:



Edward Lacey

To the Honorable the House of Representatives
South Carolina his Excellency the Governor and Chief thereof Whereas I do know and have reason to believe that [text too faint to discern] long Servitude as a Private Soldier [text too faint to discern] in this attempt of taking the Fort as [text too faint to discern] officer he Distinguished himself as a Friend to his Country during the [text written over and illegible] in America and from this my Certificate I hope the [text too faint to discern] of Liberty will set forth the cause of the above William Knox who had a valuable Horse Shot from under him in making the above attempt and himself Ill Bruised, This is therefore to Certify the Same & I have hereunto set my Hand and affirm that the said William Knox are Justly Entitled to pay for the same Horse as also to Enroll him the same William Knox in the Pensioners List of South Carolina now Chester District with all back over years and such Settled Pension as your Honours will think fit.



Edward Lacey
Centerville County

September the 2nd 1809

S/ Edward Lacey, JP



[p 40: Partial image of this document posted online]

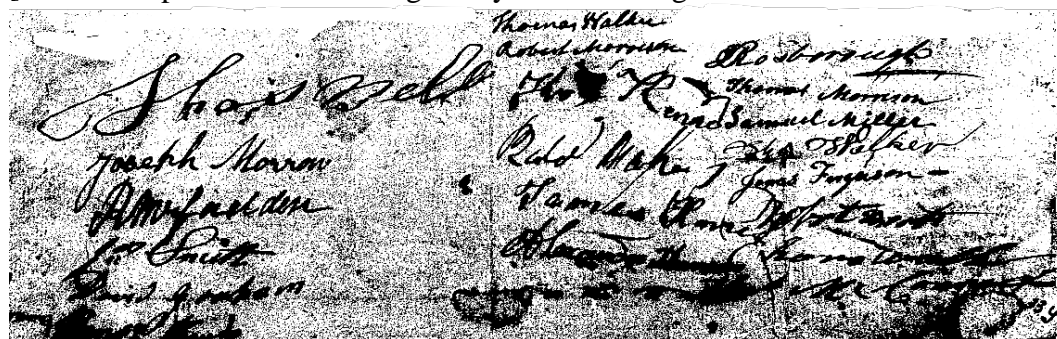
To the Honorable the President & Members [paper damaged and text missing]
of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of William Knox [paper damaged and text missing]
Behalf humbly Sheweth that your petitioner [paper damaged and text missing]
[revol]utionary Soldier and served during the whole of the [paper damaged and text missing]
southern parts, and was one of those who Resqued [risked] his [paper damaged and text missing]
his all, and was among the few that turned out with General [paper damaged and text missing]
Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] when the Country was invaded by the British Army, and after Braving
the many perils and Dangers to which that Handfull of Veterans had to encounter was at an
Attack on the Congaree Fort, in the capacity of a Lieutenant in Captain McClure's [John
McClure's] Company, in Colonel Edward Lacey's Regiment and was Appointed Officer of the
day, and went to relieve a dangerous post on Horse Back and had his Creature shot Dead under
him, and fell upon his Leg and thigh and could not disentangle Himself for some time until he
got help and by which he had his Knee Dislocated and although after suffering much in the
Campaign & afterwards got tolerably well but now in his old age has for some length of time
[paper damaged and text missing] and as he and his family are in very Indigent Circumstances
which lays him under the necessity of applying to the Legislature of his Country for that Bounty
which the Law has provided for the Relief of Wounded Soldiers, and which it is hoped will be
granted to him with such Back arrears as the Legislature may conceive him entitled to Receive
and although he did not succeed in his former application which he understands was on account
of the informality of his Petition but now conceives his case so fairly stated and so fully certified
as not to be rejected by a Honorable and [undeciphered word]⁶ Legislature

S/ William Knox



[The above petition was also signed by the following:



⁶ missing

Lynn L. Waller
 Williams Marshall
 James Gill
 James Hamilton
 Francis Withers
 Henry Head
 Samuel M. ...
 John ...
 Joseph ...
 Robert ...
 E. ...

William ...
 Alexander ...
 James ...
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 Peter ...
 David ...
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Sheweth.

That during the Revolutionary War your petitioner served with constancy and fidelity as a private in the Sixth Regiment under the Command of General Sumpter until the battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780], afterwards he was elected a Captain in the Militia of this State, and as such served during the remainder of the War.

That your petitioner is now old; and disabled in his age, and incapable to earn his livelihood by labor, and being reduced to poverty is unwillingly compelled to pray the State to make him restitution for such of his property as was taken from him during the war for the Service of the State. He states to your Honorable body that by order of Colonel Hampton⁷ of the State Troops, a horse belonging to your petitioner was impressed for the Service of the State, and never either returned or paid for; the horse was at that time of the value of one hundred fifty dollars and was taken by a Major Wills [?]⁸ as near as your petitioner can at this time recollect.

Your petitioner therefore prays that his case may be taken into the consideration of your Honorable body, and such relief granted as from the circumstances of the case may seem meet.⁹

And your petitioner will ever pray and so forth.

S/ William Knox



[p 51: Identical petition as set forth above addressed to the South Carolina House of Representatives]

[p 56: The committee charged with reviewing the claim recommended that the petition not be granted on December 1st, 1825. No reason was stated for the recommendation.]

[p 58] The Petition of Patients Knox praying to be Placed on the pension List and place of her Deceased Husband

Pensions


G. B. Colvin

[p 59]

The Honorable the Senate & members of the house of Representatives

The petition of Patience Knox humbly Sheweth that your petitioner is the widow of William Knox late a pensioner of this State that he departed this life on the 31st day of October last past & left your petitioner in very Indigent Circumstances having no lands nor any other property but one cow & calf some articles of house furniture her children all being married & left her & them being in moderate Circumstances & not being able to render her much assistance she

⁷ Either Lieutenant Colonel Henry Hampton or Lieutenant Colonel Wade Hampton, both of whom served in the South Carolina State Troops under Brigadier General Thomas Sumter

⁸  There was no Major by that name in the SC State Troops. Major Patrick Welsh served under Lt. Col. Henry Hampton in the SC State Troops.

⁹ In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

humbly prays your Honorable body to place her on the pension list in place of her late husband having but slender claims of life being in the eighty third year of her age and your petitioner as ever in duty bound will pray.

S/ Patience Knox, X her mark

In presence of
S/ John Cherry

So. Carolina Chester District } Patience Knox personally appeared before me & being duly sworn says that the statements made in the above petition are all true. Sworn to before me this 29th day of November 1830

S/ John Cherry, JQ

S/ Patience Knox, X her mark

[Note: the widow was placed on the pension list at the rate of \$30 per annum with the last voucher in the file being dated May 29, 1834 and being signed by John McCreary on behalf of the widow.]