

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Lucas S40103

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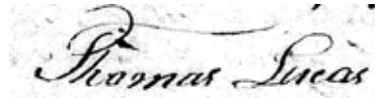
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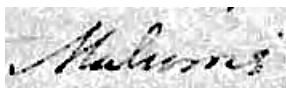
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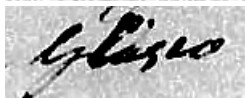
On this twenty sixth day of September 1818 before me one of the Judges in and for said County and district aforesaid personally appeared Thomas Lucas aged sixty-one years resident in Peters township and County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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 – that he the said Thomas Lucas enlisted in Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain John Welsh in the Marine service under Admiral Hopkins [sic, John Hopkins] in October 1775 and was discharged that service in December 1776 and commissioned a first Lieutenant in Captain James Calderwood's company on the 19th of February 1777 said company being attached to the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan and after the battle [of] Germantown [October 4, 1777] – he was attached to Malums [? William Malcolm's?]¹ Regiment being one of the sixteen regiments commissioned by General Washington and attached to no line but composed part of General [word written over and indecipherable] Brigade and Lord Sterling's [William Alexander, [Lord Stirling's] division and continued to act as Lieutenant in said line from January 1778 until June following. That he continued to serve in said Corps and in the service of the United States until June 1778 when he was dismissed as a supernumerary at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania he was in the battle with the Ship *Glignoe* [? *Glasgow*?]² man of war when on board of the ship Cabatt [sic, *Cabot*?], in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown.

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

S/ Thomas Lucas



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District of Pennsylvania SS

At a Court of Common Pleas holden in the Borough of Chambersburg in and for the County of 1820, before the Honorable John Reed President and Archibald Bard and Isaac Eaton Associate Judges of said Court, Personally appeared in Open Court the said Court being a Court of Record, by the Constitution and Laws of Pennsylvania in and for said County of Franklin Thomas Lucas late a Captain in the Revolutionary War in the service of the United States, aged sixty-three years being a resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz., that he entered the service as a Marine in the City of Philadelphia in the month of October 1775 in Captain John Welch's Company on board the Brig *Cabbot* [*Cabot*]³ Commanded by Captain John Hopkins and composing part of a small Fleet commanded by Admiral Essex Hopkins [Esek Hopkins], that he was with said Fleet at the taking of the *Iceland* of New Providence⁴ and in the action with the British Ship War called the *Glasgow*, and continued on board said Vessel until the month of December in the year 1776 when we were all discharged in the month of December 1776, and that on his return to Philadelphia he received a first Lieutenant's Commission in Captain James Calderwood's Company of foot attached at that time to the Eleventh Regiment of Virginia commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan, that he was with the said Regiment in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and further that he was promoted to the rank of Captain on the 11th day of September 1777 and was removed into a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Malcolm one of the sixteen additional Regiments in which Regiment he continued until the month of June 1778, and that he received a severe wound in his right thigh by a musket ball on the 19th day of October 1777 which ball was in his thigh for three years, the most of which time he was a cripple all which will appear by reference being made to his original application sharing date the 15 day of April 1818 upon which application he obtained a pension certificate bearing date the 17th day of October 1818 No. 3711, That he has been a resident of the County of Franklin upwards of forty years last past, and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions 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 he has not nor has any person for him in trust any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed he also states that he is a Cooper by trade but that age and infirmity has rendered him unable to support himself without assistance, his family consist of the following persons viz. his wife Mary aged 57 years Daughter Margaret aged 30 Son John with whom I reside 28, Martha 25, Mary 22, Eliza 19, Son Thomas 17 Apprentice to

³ *Cabot*, 14 guns, 80 men, 1775-77.

GWA:700, Buel:80, Smith:45, ND7:84, ND11:463, CTN:11, 12, Continental brig assigned to the New Providence Expedition, Capt Elisha Hinman, Nov 1776, with 90 seamen and 43 Marines. ND3:1219, ND5:1272, ND6:1201, ND8:930, ND9:828, ND10:591, other captains were John B. Hopkins, and Joseph Olney. ND4:1159, participated in attack on HMS *Glasgow*. Smith:11, Kaminkow:221, R77:235, C227, 329, a 14 gun brig, Capt Joseph Olney, was captured by the British Milford, Capt John Burr, 23 Mar 1777, sent to Halifax, and the *Cabot* converted into Royal Navy use. The British renamed it the HM *Cabot*. C152. It is possible other captains were John Welsh, Lt Daniel Vaughn, and Lt James Hood Wilson, or they may have been captains of the privateer brig. Captures incl: Clarendon, Georgianna, and others. JA5:126. CTP:122, 150, 152, 153, 258.

<http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20C-D.html>

⁴ Ken Kellow has an excellent article on the New Providence Expedition posted at

<http://www.awiatsea.com/Narrative/New%20Providence%20Expedition.html>

Mr. George Kenton Harper Printer he also states upon his oath that he has no property either real and personal or mixed save his bed and wearing apparel.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court this 22nd day of August A.D. 1820

S/ John Findlay, Proty.

S/ Thomas Lucas

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 15, 1818, for service in the Pennsylvania line for nine months and the Virginia Navy.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Fauquier County

I do certify that I knew Thomas Lucas, a Lieutenant in Captain Calderwood's Company – the Captain was killed at Brandywine and Thomas Lucas became the Captain of the company 11th Virginia Regiment Continental line. I am confident he was in service more than 3 years and left the service as a Captain. Given under my hand this 30th September 1822

S/ Jo. Blackwell, Late

Captain 6th Virginia Continental Regiment

Fauquier County, I do certify that I knew Thomas Lucas, a Lieutenant in Captain Calderwood's company – the Captain was killed at Brandywine and Thomas Lucas became the Captain of the Company 11th V. Regt. Continental line. I am confident he was in service more than three years and left the service as a Captain – Given under my hand this 30th Sept 1822.
J. Blackwell Late
Capt. 6th V. Cont. Regt.

Augusta County

I do hereby certify that I well recollect Thomas Lucas a Lieutenant in 1777 – in Captain Calderwood's company 11th Virginia Continental line, – he became a Captain on the death of Captain Calderwood who was killed at Brandywine – Captain Lucas I am confident serve more than 3 years – Given under my hand this 16th September 1822

S/ Ro. Porterfield [Robert Porterfield]

Augusta County
I do hereby certify that I well recollect Thomas Lucas a Lieutenant in 1777 in Captain Calderwood's company 11th V. Regt. Cont. Line, – he became a Captain on the death of Capt Calderwood who was killed at Brandywine – Capt Lucas I am confident served more than three years – Given under my hand this 16th Sept 1822 –
Ro. Porterfield

Culpeper County

I do certify that I knew Thomas Lucas a Lieutenant to Captain Calderwood who was killed at Brandywine – After his death Thomas Lucas became the Captain – how long he served I cannot remember. Given under my hand this 20 September 1822

S/ Phil Slaughter [Philip Slaughter]

Belgian County I do certify that I know Thomas Lee, - The Lieutenant of
Capt Caldwell as he was killed at Donnybrook - after his death he became
the Captain - has long been dead I cannot remember - Give under
my hand this 20 Sept 1862.

Wm. H. ...