

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Lusk S4581

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State of Tennessee County of McMinn: SS

On this 5th day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said County, Joseph Lusk a resident of said County and state, aged 80 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered the Service of the United States the first week in June 1776 as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain John Sevier in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians, for a tour of six months enrolled at the Sycamore Shoals on Watauga River in North Carolina, George Hart Lieutenant, Rendezvoused at the Long Island on Holston River under the command of Colonel William Christie [sic, William Christian] and Joseph Williams, which Campaign was generally known by the appellation of Christie's Campaign, declarant marched from Long Island to the Bent on Noli Chucky [Nolichucky River], from thence to Sevier's Island on French Broad River, and from thence to the mouth of Tellico River, crossing the Tennessee just above the mouth of Tellico River, thence crossed the Tellico River, & marched down to Tennessee, to an Indian town known by the name of Island town, there remained for 17 days, Thence up the Tennessee River to the Chilhowee Town from there marched down the Tennessee River to the Virginia Ford and crossed said River, thence marched to the Long Islands of Holston, marching the same route back, and was discharged at the Long Island, about the 27th of November 1776, declarant's messmates were, Thomas Simpson, armorer, Felix Walker, Julius Robinson and William Dodd on this campaign;

Declarant again entered the service of the United States about the 2nd day of March 1777 as a drafted militia from Washington County Virginia, in a company commanded by Captain James Shelby = Rendezvoused at the Long Island, and was marched from that in search of stock by order of Colonel William Cristie [sic], to the mouth of the Big Creek on Holston, which engaged us six weeks wanting of one day, returned again to Long Island, at which place declarant was discharged, allowing three days to return home and bury a man by the name of George Faulkner that the Indians had killed the day before, declarant received no written discharge for said Tour, declarant again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for one month from Washington County Virginia in the month of October 1777 in a Company commanded by Captain Isaac Shelby and Lieutenant Josiah Gamble, rendezvoused at Black's

Station and marched from thence to Moore's Fort on Clinch River for the purpose of guarding the frontiers against the depredations of the Indians, marched from Moore's Fort to Cowan's Ford on Clinch River, and was there discharged after having served the term for which declarant engaged, about the 2nd day of November 1777.

Declarant again entered the service of the United States in the month of June 1780 about the first day, as a drafted militia man from Washington County Virginia for one month, in a company commanded by Captain John Snoddy, rendezvoused at Moore's Station on Clinch River served out his month at that Station and was discharged there, about the 8th July 1779.

Declarant again entered the service of the United States in the month of June 1780 as a volunteer militia man from Washington County Virginia in a Company commanded by Captain Andrew Colville commanded by Colonel Arthur Campbell on an expedition against the Tories who were commanded by Colonel James Roberts, declarant joined the Regiment at a place called the blue Spring on the waters of the New River, marched from thence to the mouth of the South fork of the New River, and at that place received the news of the defeat of Colonel Shepherd in the gap of the mountain leading from the mouth of the South fork of New River to Wilkes Courthouse North Carolina by the Tories who had made their escape through the gap and deluded our search, declarant then received orders at that place to return home, having been assured by Colonel Campbell that he should receive pay for one month, but did not serve quite a month, declarant never was in any battle, has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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 5th day of September 1832

S/ Jo. Lusk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jo. Lusk". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Abraham Slover, a clergyman, and Spencer Beavers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee County of McMinn

On this 4th day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Samuel Workman one of the acting justices of the peace for McMinn County Joseph Lusk a resident of said County and State, who first being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration amendatory of his of the 5th of September 1832 numbered 23834, declarant says that he entered the service of the United States on the 2nd day of June 1776 as a volunteer as stated in his first declaration, and that he was discharged on the 27th day of November same year, and that he received a discharge for this tour of duty from Captain John Sevier, and that he had a pocket book stolen out of his pocket, in which was his discharge --

Declarant again entered the service as stated in his first declaration, on the 2nd day of March 1777 as a drafted militia man and that he made the marches as stated in said 2nd tour and was released from service on the 13th day of April same year, received no discharge for this tour.

Declarant again entered the service as in his first declaration mentioned 3rd tour on the 3rd day of October 1777 and performed the services as therein mentioned, and was discharged on the 5th day of November same year as appears to him from some old papers in his possession

which he has since found, Served under the officers as therein stated received no written discharge --

Declarant again went into service as in his 4th statement 1st decl. mentioned on the 4th day of June 1778, as also appears to him from his old papers, performed as therein mentioned and was discharged on the 8th day of July following. Received for this tour a written discharge which declarant has lost -- declarant again entered the service as in his 5th tour first declaration mentioned on the 4th day of June 1780 as a volunteer as in said statement mentioned, performed all of the service specified in said statement under the officers therein mentioned and was discharged on the 2nd day of July following received no discharge for this tour -- Declarant states that in his first tour of 6 months under Sevier he acted as orderly Sergeant during said Campaign -- the whole of the time which he neglected mentioning in his first statement.

1st Interrogatory -- Where and in what year were you born: Was born in Augusta County Virginia on the 15th day of March 1753, on Sunday of according to the record.

2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it, declarant has a record of his age, and has it now present, and his Father's own handwriting.

3rd where were you living when called into service, where he lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live. Declarant lived on Watauga River then in the bounds of North Carolina now in Tennessee, lived in Virginia during the Revolutionary War, from there moved into Tennessee, from there to Buncombe County North Carolina thence removed to McMinn County Tennessee where he has lived for the last 12 or 13 years.

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute for whom? Declarant was a volunteer and drafted both never served as a Substitute.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your Services -- Declarant has already stated in his Declaration, all the officers he can recollect as well as the Circumstances attending his services --

7 -- 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 of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. George Colville, William Brittain, Samuel Workman, Archibald Edens, John Walker, John McDowell, Robert Walker, Levin L. Ball, Jonathan Couch, George McCulloch, William McCulloch, James Cowan, James Hickey, John McClatchy, John L. McCarty, Spencer Beavers, James S. Bridges, Barnett Hicklin, William Bates, Ezekiel Bates, declarant has stated about his discharges --

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of June 1833

S/ Samuel Workman, JP

S/ Jo Lusk

[George Colville and William Brittain gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 18: On March 15, 1838 in Bradley County Tennessee, the veteran applied for a new pension certificate stating that he lost his pension certificate on the road between Cleaveland [Cleveland] Tennessee and Knoxville Tennessee.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died August 15, 1839; the soldier's son Joseph Lusk, Junior, was living in 1839; the file contains no other family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 10 months & 12 days service in the revolution.]