

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Lusk S4583

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The State of Ohio Montgomery County

On this 11th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid Samuel Lusk a resident of Dayton in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-two years on the 27th day of June last ^{but has no record of his age}, who being duly affirmed according to law doth on his affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he served several tours of militia duty in actual and active service during the three last years of the Revolutionary War, that he entered the service as a volunteer for his first tour at Rowan County in North Carolina where he lived with a Captain Falls and marched from thence into the edge of South Carolina under the command of Colonel Thomas to break up and dispersed a band of Tories, that they had an engagement with the Tories at Sour's Mill in South Carolina and killed some and took about 90 prisoners,¹ this tour lasted one month and he was discharged at said Sour's Mill. Again he entered the service at Rowan County aforesaid very shortly after his return in the company of Captain Hogan and marched under the command of General Rutherford and joined the Army of General Gates somewhere in South Carolina marched to Campden [sic, Camden]² and there had a battle with the enemy and were beaten and dispersed and again rallied at Mecklenburg Court house, and marched to Salisbury and from thence to some distance below Salisbury where his term of service expired this tour lasted three months, that Colonel Leadbeater [sic, Ledbetter?] commanded the Regiment to which he belonged and Major White the Battalion during this campaign, Generals Smallwood and de Kalb were with General Gates Army. Again at Headquarters a little below Salisbury immediately at the expiration of this tour he entered the service on new in a detachment of mounted men in the company of Captain Ramsey in the Regiment of Colonel Smith and Battalion of Major Grimes and immediately got the appointment of assistant quarter master and marched under the command of General Butler [John Butler] to Wilmington and recovered that place from the enemy, and from thence at the request of General Butler he rode express to Salisbury carrying dispatches for Governor Martin of North Carolina and had passed through a very dangerous Country this tour was for three

¹ This MIGHT be a reference to the engagement on June 20, 1780, at Ramsour's Mill in Lincoln County, NC. Since the location does not match the veteran's statement, he may be referring to some other engagement.

² August 15-16, 1780. <http://battleofcamden.org/index.htm>

months and that he was discharged at Salisbury a few days before the end of his term in consideration of his difficult and dangerous trip as express as aforesaid. The foregoing services were within one year and as well as he can recollect in the year 1780. In the year following he entered the service again at Rowan County aforesaid in the company of Captain John Davison [Davidson?] and marched under the command of Colonel Brevard to Cheraw Hills upon the Pedee River which was in danger from the Tories, that George Davison [Davidson?] was his Major upon this tour upon their arrival at Cheraw Hills of their which was reduced to ashes and the enemy gone, they then marched to the Santee and the Congaree [rivers] and put in a tour of two months as a scouting party and without fighting and returned to Salisbury and was there dismissed.

Again sometime after he entered the service at Rowan County aforesaid in the company of Captain Martin and marched under the command of Major Lewis to Black water and captured a foraging party of the enemy of six men who were found passing up the River in a small vessel and served a tour of two months without fighting and returned and was discharged.

He entered the service with Captain Armstrong and with Captain Irwin's company marched towards Camden with a view of dispersing any band of Tories that might be found in that direction. Upon this tour there was two companies only, and no officer of higher rank than Captain. The tour lasted a month and a half.

Again he entered the service at Rowan County aforesaid in the company of Captain Armstrong and marched under the command of Major Jewett to Ninety Six which was then in the possession of the British and Tories, and was engaged in the Siege³ of that place, and from there was marched to Augusta and after a tour of three months was marched back to Rowan County and was there discharged, that he was also in the service of another month guarding prisoners at Salisbury Rowan County, North Carolina, Again he after the Siege of Ninety Six was raised he entered the service and marched under the command of General Davison [sic, William Lee Davidson] to oppose the enemies crossing the Catawba River and his marching up the country in that direction, had some skirmishing with the enemy in one of which General Davidson was killed,⁴ that he belonged to Captain John Baker's company on this tour which lasted one month making in the whole 17 1/2 months service, that at this time has no written evidence of his service, nor is there any person in his reach or knowledge by whom he can prove his services, that his residence in the County has been but about four years, that previous thereto he resided in the State of Tennessee and therefore cannot produce the traditionary evidence called for by the instructions from the War office, that his wages whilst engaged in the foot service was \$8 per month and while engaged with the mounted men his wages was \$12 per month,* that he cannot now state the times of his service or the dates of his engagements and discharges with more precision than he has done, that his residence was in Rowan County North Carolina during the whole of the time of his service and always entered the service as a volunteer, that he served five months in the foot service,^{He received written discharges which are lost} nine and a half months with mounted men and three months as deputy quartermaster.

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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ C. R. Greene, Clk

S/ Samuel Lusk, L his mark

³ May 22—19 June, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ninety-six.htm>

⁴ William Lee Davidson was killed February one, 1781 at the Battle of Cowan's Ford.
<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cowansfd.htm>

*While quartermaster he received the ration & pay of 3 private soldiers.

[David Winters, a clergyman, and James Haight gave the standard supporting affidavit.]e

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$58.33 per annum commencing March forth, 1831, for 17 1/2 months service in the revolution.]