

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Isaacs (Isaacks) S5600

f31NC [sic, SC]

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State of Tennessee, Lincoln County: Sct.

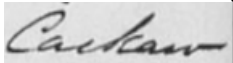
On this 22nd day of October 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful, the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Lincoln County aforesaid, now sitting, Samuel Isaacks [sic], aged about Seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the war service of the United States under the following named officers, & Served as herein stated.

Some time in the month of September in the year 1776, as well as he recollects, he enlisted as a private soldier, in the Army of the United States, to serve for the term of ___ in the Company commanded by Captain Wade [Wade Hampton]¹ of the 6th Regiment of the Regular Army. I resided at that time in the District of '96 [Ninety Six] State of South Carolina, & there enlisted as above. The late General Wade Hampton, was at that time Lieutenant in the Company, and his brother Richard Hampton, was the Ensign. The 6th Regiment to which their Company was attached was commanded by Colonel Henderson [William Henderson]-- General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] commanded the Brigade. From '96 we were marched to Camden, South Carolina, from thence to the high hills of Santee, then to the Cackaw Swamps [?]². Having served nine months, I got married & was discharged by furnishing a Substitute by the name of Caldwell Eastridge. My discharge was signed by Captain Blasingame [John Blasingame] but was lost or destroyed in the year 1788 at which time I resided in Franklin County State of Georgia. My house was attacked by Indians-- my wife fortunately escaping with her Children, but my house was plundered with everything it contained.

In the year 1778, his residence still being in the District of '96, South Carolina, he volunteered to serve as a private in the militia Company, Commanded by Captain Killgore [Benjamin Kilgore], of which ___ Chew [John Drury Chews] was Lieutenant. We were attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel McCreary [Robert McCreary or McCreery of the Little River Regiment] the Brigade by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. We were marched from '96 to Augusta in Georgia, from thence to Orangeburg-- & Savannah, from thence across the Ogeechee River to Midway Meeting house; from thence over the Altamaha [River], to the mouth of the St. Mary's River in Florida, where we Joined the Regulars commanded by General

¹ The officers named by the veteran were officers of the SC Continental Line.

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Sumpter. The Governor [Button Gwinnett]³ of Georgia had the Command of the whole, & he had under him a number of troops from Georgia. The Army was countermarched to Midway Meeting house where I was discharged, after having been in service four months. His discharge was destroyed by the Indians in 1788 as before stated. He was not in any battle during this Campaign, but it was most disastrous on account of the great sickness & mortality amongst the troops, and the sickly Country through which they marched. There was not only a great loss of life from sickness, but a great loss of public property.

Some time in the summer of 1780 he again entertained [sic] the service of the United States, as a private soldier – Col. Jones came over from Georgia with a Detachment of 40 men, Captain Chew [John Drury Chews], & myself joined him – the night afterwards we attacked a party of Tories that were stationed on the head of Guilders Creek [Gilder Creek], District of 96 -- & captured them. We then marched to the head Quarters of General McDowell [Charles McDowell], at a plantation of Edward Hampton's on the head of Pacolet River; The same night, in which we arrived, a severe engagement took place, between the troops of the enemy commanded by Colonel Dunlap [James Dunlap], & the American Army under General McDowell, in which the British enemy was defeated [probably a reference to the engagement at Earle's Ford, July 15, 1780].⁴ Having served three months he was discharged by General McDowell at Quaker Meadows in Burke County North Carolina. In the year 1781, he again volunteered as a private to serve a tour of three months in the Company of Cavalry Commanded by John Beverly, the Regiment Commanded by his father (Colonel Isaacks [Elijah Isaacs]) – he then resided in Wilkes County, North Carolina. We were marched about & this the Country, crossed the Yadkin [River], at the Shallow ford– through Moravian town – then to Rocky River, Deep River &c we had occasional skirmishes with the enemy, but no general engagement. Having served three months, he was discharged. He cannot recollect the year in which this service was performed but it was after his father Colonel Isaacks [Elijah Isaacs of the Wilkes County North Carolina Regiment of militia] had been exchanged⁵ – having been some time before taken prisoner & sent to England (as he always understood) with General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. Sometime in the year 1782 he again volunteered to serve a tour of three months as a private in Captain Parsons⁶ Company. This service was performed in ranging through the Country against the Tories. We had many small engagements in which a large number of the Tories were killed & taken Prisoner. After serving for the full term of three months, I was again regularly discharged. The whole of my discharges and other papers were stolen by the Indians as before related. I then removed to Pendleton County, South Carolina, and in the month of November or December 1787 [sic] as well as he recollects, I enlisted as a private soldier in a Company Commanded by John Norwood in which ___ Miles was Lieutenant & William Reed Ensign, under the Command of General Anderson [Robert Anderson] and served two years as a spy against the Indians. He afterwards [served] six months as a spy in Captain Wilburnes [Elias Wilburn's]⁷ Company, Same Lieutenant, and was regularly discharged. His discharges were destroyed as before related, or otherwise lost. He has no documentary evidence in his possession or power to produce by which he can prove his said services or any part thereof. Nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove the same only in

³ The veteran appears to be describing the Second Florida Expedition. See <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution11.html>

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_earles_ford.html

⁵ Col. Elijah Isaacs was exchanged in July 1781.

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_colonels.html

⁶ Perhaps, Capt. Thomas Parsons of the Fairfield SC Regiment of militia

⁷ Elias Wilburn was a Captain in the Wilkes County NC Regiment of militia.

part [by] the certificate of Moses Guest. He states that he was born in the County of Frederick & State of Virginia, about the year 1759, according to his best recollection of the information derived from his parents – he has no Record of his age.

He removed from Virginia, to the District of '96 South Carolina, where he was first called into service – from thence he removed to Wilkes County North Carolina, from thence to Franklin County Georgia – from thence to Pendleton County South Carolina; from thence he removed to Lincoln County, Tennessee in the year 1807, where he has resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & 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/ F. L. Kincannon, Clerk

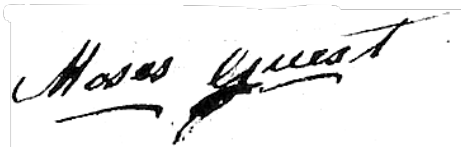
S/ Samuel Isaacks, X his mark

[John Price, a clergyman, and Jacob Silvertooth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[spelling heavily modified in the affidavit which follows]

I Moses Guest⁸ of Warren County State of Tennessee was born in the State of North Carolina Guilford County in the year 1766 & in my father moved to the [illegible word] of the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River], Wilkes County North Carolina. In the year of 1783 first became acquainted with Samuel Isaacs who now lives in Lincoln County State of Tennessee it was Generally Reputed & Stated at that time, that the said Samuel Isaacs had served in the Revolution War & that I concur in that opinion, I then moved to the State of Georgia Franklin County there I was acquainted with the same Samuel Isaacs he who then lived in Pennington County [sic, Pendleton County] South Carolina. In the year 1788 I first enlisted in the service of the state under Captain John Narwood Lieutenant Miles, Ensign William Read under the charge of General Anderson in Pendleton County State of South Carolina where the said Samuel Isaacs was [an] enlisted soldier & I served eight months & was discharged and the said Isaacs still remained in the service as a spy & under the same officers as above stated, I have been acquainted with the same Samuel Isaacs ever since although we did not live in the same County at that time, but the said Samuel Isaacs lived a while in Franklin County Georgia it was there where the Indians robbed & plundered the said Isaacs' house & took all he had & a Negro boy from him as it was reputed & believed by his neighbors and I concur in that opinion also the said Samuel Isaacs when I was acquainted with him in South Carolina he had partly lost his hearing on one side & he told me that was occasioned by his exposure in the war and he has been entirely deaf for several years past. Given under my hand & seal this 14th day of October 1833.

S/ Moses Guest

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moses Guest". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Attested by Stewart Cowan, JP in whose handwriting –and imaginative spelling—the affidavit is written.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and one month in the South Carolina Continental line and militia as well as the North Carolina militia.]

⁸ [Moses Guest W11072](#)

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁹ relating to Samuel Isaacs
Audited Account No. 3957.5
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[p 2]
No. 19 £29.12.8
December 11, 1795
William Steele
Contingent Account

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No 19 Contingent Account passed by the Legislature November 23, 1795
2 Pay Bills of Samuel Isaacs a Spy Amounting to £29.12.8
Rec'd December 11, 1795 of Simeon Theus Treasurer in Charleston Eight pounds
12/8 in full for this Pay Roll S/ W. Steele Paymaster
£8.12.8 Rec'd December 11th 1785 of Simeon Theus Treasurer at Charleston Twenty One
pounds in full of this Pay Roll S/ W. Steele Paymaster
21
£29.12.8

I Certify that the foregoing Receipts are true Copies taken from the Original
Transmitted to Philadelphia

S/ Simeon Theus, Treasurer of
December 14, 1795

⁹ 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.