

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Nathan Lusk SC3367
Audited Account No. 4714A

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Petition

Nathan Lusk

5th December 1794 [? Last digit unclear]

Committee

Mr. Robinson

Major Threewits

Major Hampton

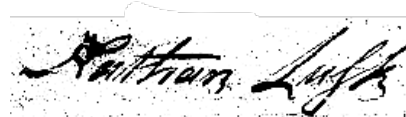
Major [surname not deciphered]

Major Thornley

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To the Honorable President and house of Semetors [Senators]: the Remonstrances and petition [petition] of Nathan Lusk Respectfully Sheweth that your petitioner being maimed and Disabled by a wound Received in the late war with Great Britain when he was fighting in the defense of his Country and being in indigent Circumstances and unable to Support his family by his personal labour and industry, he applied for an annuity Agreeably to a Law for that purpose made and provided, and drew his said annuity eight years, as will appear by the treasurers books, Reference being thereunto had – that by a Subsequent law all annuities were forthwith discontinued, only to those who were put on the pension list before the year 1793 – Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that he may be put on the pension list and permitted to draw his Said annuity on his complying with the law for that purpose made and provided and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ Nathan Lusk



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[p 7: Identically worded petition as transcribed above except this one addressed “To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of South Carolina”]

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Report on the Petition of Nathan Lusk

9th December 1797

To be considered on Monday next

11th Agreed to [undeciphered word or words] ordered by the same Committee

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To the Honorable the President and other Members of the Senate.

The humble petition of Nathan Lusk, sheweth unto your Honorable body, that during the Revolutionary War he served as a first Lieutenant of an infantry company commanded by Captain Joseph Dawson; that during said war he was severely wounded and rendered incapable of gaining a livelihood by his own labour; that in consequence thereof, he petitioned this Honorable House for an annuity, and that the same was granted to him by this Honorable House to commence from the year 1795. That your petitioner was wounded on the 28th day of July 1778, from which period to the year 1795; your petitioner never received any annuities, although his inability to support himself during all this period, was as great as at any other time after receiving his wound.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honorable Body to take his case into your consideration, and grant him back annuities from the year 1795 to the year 1778 and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Nathan Lusk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nathan Lusk". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized.

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To the Honorable the Members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina

The humble petition of Nathan Lusk

Sheweth That in the Florida expedition on the 28th July 1778² in an engagement between the Americans and Tories and Indians your petitioner was severely wounded in the left arm so that he was totally disabled and that limb and has never been able to use it since – Your petitioner further states that immediately after the conclusion of the Revolutionary war he petitioned the Legislature for assistance and to be placed on the pension Roll and from some causes unknown to your petitioner he failed in his prayer until the year 1775 when he was at length placed on the pension Roll of this State, and your petitioner continued to receive the pension which the generosity of his country allowed him and which united with great industry and economy enabled him to support his family: And would not now claim any further aid, if his bodily powers would enable him to use the necessary exertions for a livelihood, but from old age, your petitioner being far advanced in the vale [sic] of years and near upon the verge of Seventy and afflicted with disease, he can no longer employ his industry in acquiring a subsistence, He

² Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer]

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/revolutionary-war-georgia#Three-Invasions-of-Florida>

therefore hopes the Legislature of his country will allow him the arrearages of pension from the time he received his wound until the year 1795. Your petitioner further states that he is poor and has no means or sources of subsistence except the pension allowed him by the State which is inadequate for the support of a family –

Your petitioner will ever pray &c

S/ Nathan Lusk

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Treasury Office Columbia November 24, 1819

Nathan Lusk an annuitant of the Revolutionary War received his first payment for the year ending in March 1795, agreeably to the entries of the Books of this Office

S/ R. Elmore, Treasurer Upper Division

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Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Petition of Nathan Lusk

December 17, 1819

Resolved that the House do agree to the Report

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan Lusk praying he may be allowed a Pension from the time he received his Wound in the year 1778 to the time he was placed on the Pension list in the year 1795.

Report –

That they have maturely considered the same, & recommend that the prayer thereof be rejected

S/ Samuel Warren, Chairman, Committee on Pensions

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To the Honorable the Legislature of South Carolina

The Humble petition of Nathan Lusk

Sheweth

That on or about the 28th day of July 1778 your petitioner received a Wound by a rifle ball which Shattered his left arm so as entirely to disable it from that time to the present, & this wound was inflicted while your petitioner was in the service of his country during the Revolutionary war in the expedition to Florida under the Command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] – Your petitioner was attached to the Regiment of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] then Colonel in that expedition as a private Soldier. Your petitioner served in many other campaigns during that memorable contest and contributed towards the establishment of the liberties of his country as much as his humble situation admitted – After your petitioner received the wound in his arm, he applied in the year 1779 for a pension and made many fruitless attempts to obtain it from that time up to the year 1795 when he was placed on the pension roll of the State and has ever since received his pension – But your petitioner now prays for the reasons which he will State that your Honorable body would pay him for the period which intervned between his first application & its success such compensation as to your Honorable body shall seem proper. He hopes these arrears will be allowed him in as much as he is now very old & infirm and is much afflicted with disease & in a great measure has lost his hearing – He possesses no property of any consequence & has a wife well advanced in years to provide for – Your petitioner assures your

Honorable body that if he could have procured a livelihood by his own manual labor and industry he would never have made the present application, but that he never was able to labor from the disabled condition of his arm, and for many years employed himself as a teacher of children which he has been unable to attend to for many years by reason of a complaint (the Gravel) under which he labors and also from defect of hearing – He is now thrown upon the generosity & charity of his country as his present pension will not be sufficient to mitigate the last evils of old age fast hastening to the grave, more particularly as he is unable to contribute anything from his own personal labor – Your petitioner hopes your Honorable body will allow him something & whatever that may be with it he will be contented. As in duty bound will ever pray &c

1st December 1820

S/ Nathan Lusk

We certify that it is our opinion the petitioner is worthy of assistance and we believe his statement to be true

R Anderson

Patrick Noble

Charles Mayson

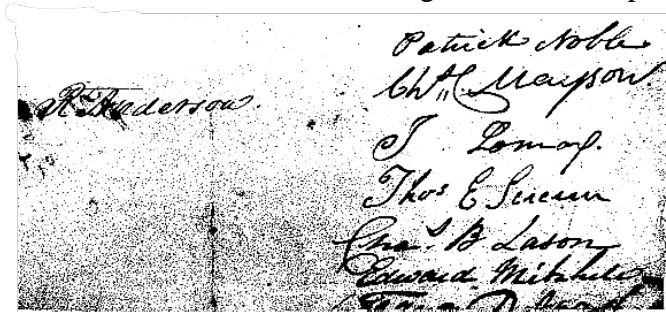
J. Lomax

Thomas E. Screun [?]

Charles B Lason

Edward Mitchell

[signature too compromised to discern]



A scan of a document showing handwritten signatures. On the left, the name 'R Anderson' is written. To the right, a list of names is written in cursive: Patrick Noble, Ch^l Mayson, J. Lomax, Thos E. Screun, Chas B Lason, Edward Mitchell, and a signature that is too faded to read.

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan Lusk praying to be allowed a sum of money which would be equal to the claim of a pension from the year 1779 to the year 1795 when he was put on the pension list –

Beg leave to report that they have had the petition and documents under consideration and from that the Petitioner was an active and Zealous Soldier in the Revolutionary War. That in the expedition to Florida he got wounded in the left arm in an engagement with the Creek Indians and Tories. That in consequence of the wound he is unable to labor and that in the year 1795 he was placed upon the Pension list at the sum of \$21.42 per year.

Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend that the prayer of the Petition may be granted and that the sum of \$342.72 may be appropriated for that purpose.

S/ Thomas Carr, Chama

[p 31: Receipt dated June 25th, 1821 showing the disbursement of \$342.72 to Nathan Lusk]

[p 32: Receipt dated June 2nd, 1826 indicating the payment of \$60 as an annuity to Nathan Lusk. This is the last receipt in this file.