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Pension application of Samuel Lindsey SC9¹

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Spelling and punctuation have been preserved from the original documents.

To the Honorable the president and members of the House of representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Humble petition of Samuel Lindsey of the district of Newberry & state of South Carolina Sheweth that he is a citizen of this state and has been so from Infancy. That he is old, poor, and decreped. That he once possessed health and affluence and shared all the honors of the confidence of his fellow citizens and the benefits resulting from a competence for all his wants and that of a family which he ever cherished and held dear – but acknowledges that from negligence in his affairs and placing too great confidence in his friends he has been reduced to penury and want at too late a period of life even if the afflicting hand of providence had not have visited him ever to reinstate himself, during the short time allotted to human life. Added to this he further states to your honorable body that for five years he has been bereft of speech – of the use of his limbs from a stroke of the palsy – and being deprived of property entirely and of course even the common comforts of life and dependent on the efforts of an aged & infirm wife for support. Your petitioner has been reduced to appeal to the Legislature of his Country for that support for declineing life which from his own improvidence in early life and the afflicting hand of Providence in the decline thereof he has been bereft for which support he submits the following claims. It may be proper in the first place to state that your petitioner during the Revolutionary War, devoted nearly the whole of his time to the service of his country as a private soldier in the militia of this state, but from the lapse of time and the removal or death of most of those aged veterans who toiled in the same cause your petitioner has been unable to prove to your satisfaction the extent of his services. But he submits herewith, what he has been able to procure. To wit the affidavits of Col. John Speake – Thomas McCracken and John Enlow [Sic, Enloe] (which will be found annexed to the petition to the Honble the House of Representatives herewith sent-) all of whom he was only partially engaged with during the war. Your petitioner on those affidavits rests his claim with you under the belief and hope, that while the state is rich in resources and in the full enjoyment of the fruits of that government for which your petitioner with thousands who have gone before him toiled and bled – will not be suffered to perish for want of a morsel to sustain life – at best he cannot agreeably to the course of nature – remain long a tax on his country – he therefore humbly prays your honorable body that he may be placed on the pension list of this state with such an annual allowance as will enable him to spend the evening of life free of want and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

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Samuel X Lindsey
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South Carolina

Newberry District

Personally appeared before me Thomas McCracken of the district aforesaid and being duly sworn saith that he was acquainted with Capⁿ Samuel Lindsey of the District and state aforesaid during the Revolutionary War; that he was in actual service against the Cherokee Nation of Indians, under the

¹ A digital image of this application is available for download as a pdf file at http://mimpickles.com/lindsey/south_carolina/newberry/samuel.htm#military

command of General Andrew Williamson, and served as a private in said Expedition in the year 1775. This deponent sayeth that said Lindsay served in the militia during the said Revolutionary War, and of course was in all the engagements in that time, and against the Indians. Our officers were Col. James Williams, Major Downs, Capⁿ Samuel Murray, Lieutenant Gerard Smith and Thomas Dugan. This deponent further sayeth that Capⁿ Samuel Lindsey is afflicted with a dead Palsey, and deprived of the use of his limbs and speech. Sworn to and subscribed this 16th day of June 1820.

Before me

Rob Powell J. P.

Thos. McCrackin



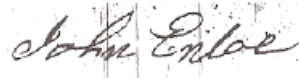
South Carolina

Newberry District

Personally appeared before me John Enlow who being duly sworn on oath sayeth that he was acquainted with Captain Samuel Lindsey of the District and State aforesaid during the Revolutionary War – that he was in actual service – that he was with the said Lindsey who was a private soldier – at the siege of Ninety Six at which place the said Lindsey rec^d a slight wound that he was also with him at the Engagement at the hanging Rock – and at various other skirmishes in the state - that John Lindsey commanded as Lieu^t Colonel – and Thomas Lindsey commanded as Captain. And further that the said Lindsey stands in need of the aid of government from being very poor & afflicted with the dead palsy for some years back so as to be entirely deprived of speech. Sworn to before me this 19th June 1820.

Y. J. Harrington QN

John Enloe



South Carolina

Newberry District

Personally appeared before me Colonel John Speake of the District aforesaid – and being duly sworn saith that he was acquainted with Captain Samuel Lindsey of the District and state aforesaid during the Revolutionary War – that that he saw him in actual service as a private soldier – under Col. Richardson he thinks in the year 1775 or 1776 – but cannot say how long he served being himself too young to be in the service at that time – In the year following this deponent served in the same campaign with said Lindsey – against the Cherokee Nation of Indians under the command of General Andrew Williamson the Regiment to which we both belonged to was that of Col. James Williams of the South Carolina Militia – the company commanded by Cap^t Samuel Morrow, Lieutenant Gerrard Smith & Thomas Dugan – cannot say the length of said campaign but thinks about four months – we were engaged in a Battle for the first – during that campaign at Lindley Fort – the second engagement was on the Toogaloe [Tugaloo] River at a place called Brasstown [Brass Town] being the Indian name thereof – the third engagement was at a place called Tomasse [Tamasee or Tomasee] – better known by the ring fight – the next place this deponent was actively engaged with said Lindsey – was at the siege of Ninety six by General Green [Nathanael Greene] – the Regiment of Militia to which he belonged to as a private was that of Col. John Lindsey – company commanded by Thomas Lindsey – from the raising of siege at Ninety Six – until the close of the Revolutionary War. Deponent believes he was actively engaged in the service – from this deponent belonging to another regiment and often meeting with and being engaged in skirmishes in different parts of this state – this deponent further swears he is acquainted with

the situation of said Lindsey – that he is worthy of – and stands in particular need of the support of government – being not only very poor but afflicted with the dead palsey – so as to render him quite helpless and deprived entirely of the power of speech – sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th June 1820.

Y. J. Harrington QN

John Speake

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Speake". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

To the Honorable the speaker and members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina.
The Humble petition of Samuel Lindsey of the district of Newberry & State of South Carolina Sheweth that he is a citizen of this state and has been so from Infancy. That he is old, poor, and decreped. That he once possessed health and affluence and shared all the honors of the confidence of his fellow citizens and the benefits resulting from a competence for all his wants and that of a family which he ever cherished and held dear – but acknowledges that from negligence in his affairs and placing too great confidence in his friends he has been reduced to penury and want at too late a period of life even if the afflicting hand of providence had not have visited him ever to reinstate himself, during the short time allotted to human life. Added to this he further states to your honorable body that for five years he has been bereft of speech – of the use of his limbs from a stroke of the palsy – and being deprived of property entirely and of course even the common comforts of life and dependent alone on the efforts of an aged & infirm wife for support. Your petitioner has been induced to appeal to the Legislature of his Country for that support for declineing life which from his own improvidence in early life and the afflicting hand of Providence in the decline thereof he has been bereft for which support he submits the following claims. It may be proper in the first place to state that your petitioner during the Revolutionary War, devoted nearly the whole of his time to the service of his country as a private soldier in the militia of this state, but from the lapse of time and the removal or death of most of those aged veterans who toiled in the same cause your petitioner has been unable to prove to your satisfaction the extent of his services. But he submits herewith, what he has been able to procure. To wit – the affidavits of Col. John Speake – Thomas McCracken and John Enlow [sic, Enloe] - all of whom he was only partially engaged with during the war. Your petitioner on those affidavits rests his claim with you under the belief and hope, that while the state is rich in resources and in the full enjoyment of the fruits of that government for which your petitioner with thousands who have gone before him toiled and bled – will not be suffered to perish for want of a morsel to sustain life – at best he cannot agreeably to the course of nature – remain long a tax on his country – he therefore humbly prays your honorable body that he may be placed on the pension list of this state with such an annual allowance as will enable him to spend the evening of life free of want and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

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