

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Liles (Lile, Lyle, Lyles) W151

Nancy Liles

f65SC

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[p 8]

State of Tennessee, Knox County

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of said State, personally appeared John Liles aged eighty-two years resident in the County of Anderson Tennessee who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" -- that he the said John Lile [sic] enlisted in the State of South Carolina in the year 1779 in the latter part of said year in the company commanded by Captain Wize [sic, Samuel Wise] (who was afterwards made a Major in the Regiment of Rangers commanded by Colonel Thomson [sic, William Thomson] which Regiment [SC 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment] was enlisted for the Continental service in the United States for the Revolutionary War -- that he enlisted for fifteen months, that he continued to serve the United States until the month of June 1781, when he was honorably discharged at Santee Camp near Charlestown [sic, Charleston] by Colonel Thomson, that he was in Georgetown when Charleston was surrendered [Charleston South Carolina was surrendered to the British on May 12, 1780], that he was in a skirmish at Sullivan's Island, that he has lost his discharge that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services -- that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support -- said John Lile also states that he has never been a pensioner, that he does hereby relinquish all claim whatever to pension heretofore provided for except by the act under which he applies.

Sworn to and acknowledged before me this 23 May 1818.

S/ Edw. Scott, Judge C C

S/ John Liles, X his mark

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State of Tennessee, Knox County

This 26<sup>th</sup> day June 1819 before me Edward Scott one of the Judges of the Circuits of Tennessee -- personally appeared the above named John Liles and in due form of law makes oath that he is very old and feeble and from a defect of education is unable to read or write and that when he made the foregoing declaration he thought his discharge was lost But since his neighbor Robert Tunnel has for him searched his papers and found his discharge & from comparing his recollection with the discharge he believes he enlisted in the latter part of the year 1777 and was discharged June 1779. That the fact is so that he did serve fifteen months in the Regiment before Stated. Sworn to before me the date above.

S/ Edw. Scott

S/ John Liles, X his mark

[p 11: Robert Tunnell gave a supporting affidavit as to the health and financial status of the veteran.]

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South Carolina

This is to Certify that John Liles a Private Soldier In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of this State is Discharged from the said Regiment and has behaved himself honestly and as a good Soldier.

Given under my hand at Head  
Quarters first June 1779

\_\_ Thomso \_\_

South Carolina  
This is to certify that John Liles Private Soldier  
In the third Regiment of this State is Discharged from the said  
Regiment and has behaved himself honestly and as a good Soldier  
Given under my hand at Head  
Quarters 1<sup>st</sup> June 1779  
Thomson

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Schedule

State of Tennessee, Knox County: SS: July session 1820

On this third day of July 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court, (having a power of fine and imprisonment and also having been made a court of record by the laws of said state,) for the said County, John Lyles aged 82 years resident in the County of Knox – aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that he served the United States 15 months and the Revolutionary War, and Captain Mize's [sic] Company of Rangers of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson. That his pension Certificate is of No. 16, 774 and his Original Declaration dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1818.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of An Act of Congress entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed.

2 Cows, 1 Heifer, 2 Yearlings of the Value of	\$29.00
1 Calf, & 1 Sheep & 1 hog 2 Pots 1 Oven	5.00
7 Spoons 5 plates 1 Dish	<u>1.00</u>
	\$35.00

Has a Wife aged about sixty years – That he has to Grandchildren, Eliza Soward & Rachel Liles, an aged 11 years, & the other 12 years old, -- himself and wife from age and infirmity are unable to labor for a living: -- That the County Court of Knox has made him and allowance of \$10 for support until his pension money may be received.

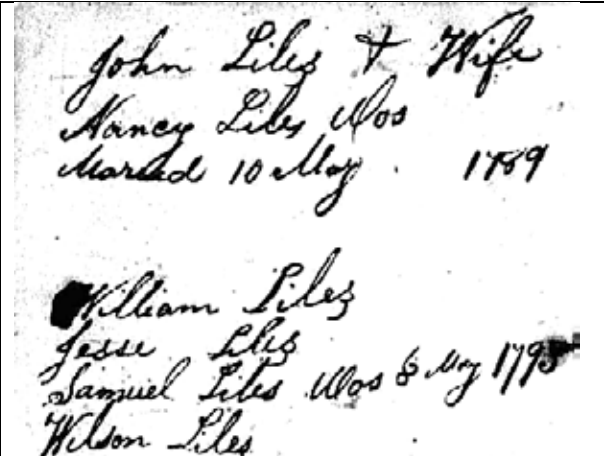
Sworn to and Open Court this third day of July 1820.

S/ John Liles, X his mark

Attest: S/ Will. Swan, D. Clk

[p 14: On June 18, 1840 in Knox County Tennessee, Nancy Liles, 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Liles, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that her husband lived at the edge of Anderson County and died in Roane County Tennessee on April 15, 1824 at the age of something upwards of 90 years; at the time of her marriage to her husband her husband lived in Anson County North Carolina; that she went to see a friend, Celia Bartlett and married John Liles a short time thereafter in the Month of May: that they were married by a preacher whose name she cannot recall; that after their marriage her husband came and lived at her residence in Anson County North Carolina; that she married John Liles in the month of May 1788 or 1789; that she had been married previously to William Soward who died about 5 years after her marriage to him; that John Liles also had been previously married and his wife had many children; that applicant's oldest child by John Liles was William Liles who is dead and the 2<sup>nd</sup> child, Jesse Liles who is also dead and the 3<sup>rd</sup> child Samuel Liles who is living and the 4<sup>th</sup> and last Wilson Liles, living also. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 6: partial family record;

<p>John Liles &amp; Wife Nancy Liles Was Marred 10 May 1789</p> <p>William Liles Jesse Liles Samuel Liles Was 8 May 1793 Wilson Liles</p>	 <p>John Liles &amp; Wife Nancy Liles Was Marred 10 May 1789</p> <p>William Liles Jesse Liles Samuel Liles Was 8 May 1793 Wilson Liles</p>
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[pp 12-13: additional family records:

Births

Daniel H Liles was Born January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1820  
Tabatha C J Liles was Born the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1822  
William M Liles was Born the 20 April 1824  
Obadiah Liles Was Born the July 7, 1826  
Amanda K Liles Was Born the July \_\_ 1828  
Abraham Liles Was Born the 10 March 1830  
Narcissa Liles Was Born the \_\_ 1832  
Micah Liles Was Born the 28 January 1834  
George W Liles Was Born the 10 June 1836  
Judith M Liles Was Born the January \_\_ 1838  
Samuel Liles Was Born the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1895  
Soudanah Liles Was Born the \_\_ 1803

Marriages

Samuel Liles & his Wife Sousanah Was Marid February 2, 1819]

[p 33: more family records: relationship to veteran or widow not stated:

Elizabeth Briley adged [aged]	39 years
Maley Briley	37
E. M. Briley	34
George Briley	31
Rachel Briley	29
A. J. Briley	27
Jesse Briley	24
Saml Briley	22
Martha Briley	20

"I George Swope one of the acting Justices of the peace for Clinton County Kentucky certify that I took down the ages of the above named children of George & Elizabeth Briley from the record kept in their Bible, given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1841

S/ Geo Swope, JP"]

[p38: On June 18, 1840 in Knox County Tennessee, Fanny Talent, widow of Johnathan Talent gave testimony that she was married in Anson County North Carolina at 22 years of age; that the following are the names and dates of birth of her children:

Nancy Talent born 11 February 1793

William Talent born 25 September 1794

Aran Talent 4<sup>th</sup> March 1796

Mark [Talent] 1 April 1798

Sally [Talent] 15 October 1799

Odum [Talent] 28 January 1802

James [Talent] 17<sup>th</sup> December 1804

Polley [Talent] 22 March 1807

Patsy [Talent] 3 July 1809

Jackson [Talent] 5 March 1815

Moses [Talent] 14<sup>th</sup> April 1819

that Nancy Liles and her deceased husband were married at least 2 years before affiant was married. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 60: On September 22, 1840 in Morgan County Tennessee, Samuel Liles of Bledsoe County Tennessee gave testimony that he is 45 years old since the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1840; that he married February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1819 and that his oldest son, Daniel H Liles was born January 3, 1820 per the family record annexed to his affidavit; that affiant's brother Jesse Liles was the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest child of his parents and went into the service in the late war and died at Fort Claiborne while serving under Captain Lewis; that affiant's oldest brother was William Liles; that both of affiants parents had been married previous to their marriage to each other in 1789 in South Carolina. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 51: On December 2, 1841 in Clinton County Kentucky, Joshua Talent, 70 or upwards, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Nancy Liles in Anson County North Carolina and well recollects her marriage in South Carolina to John Liles; he knows that Nancy Liles was Soward at the time of her marriage; that he does not remember the exact date of the marriage of John and Nancy but he calculates that he has been married about 44 years; affiant well recollects the marriage of affiant's brother to Fanny Soward; that said brother was married before the affiant; affiant knows that his brother and Fanny had the children listed in the Bible record transcribed above; that John and Nancy had a child older than Jesse Liles their 2<sup>nd</sup> child who was

old enough to be a soldier in the "late War" [presumably a reference to the War of 1812] who enlisted at a place near Campbell Station Tennessee and who died in the service; affiant believes Jesse was 18 or 19 years old when he enlisted in the service. Affiant signed the affidavit with his mark.]

[p 52: On December 2, 1841 in Clinton County Kentucky, Lucy Brily [Lucy Briley], 59, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with John Liles and Nancy his wife in Anson County North Carolina; that they had a child older than Jesse Liles, their 2<sup>nd</sup> child, who served in the late war and died in the service. She signed her affidavit with her mark

[p 46: On December 10, 1841 in Clinton County Kentucky, Elizabeth Chehsher gave testimony that she is the granddaughter of Nancy Liles of Knox County Tennessee being the daughter of Elijah Soward the youngest son of said Nancy Liles and her first husband; that the affiant is old enough to have a strict recollection of Jesse Liles the oldest son of her grandmother by John Liles; that Jesse Liles went into the service from Campbell Station in Tennessee; that the affiant's uncle Samuel Johnson married the affiant's aunt Elizabeth Soward; that affiant's uncle Henry Soward, deceased, was in the same mess [with Jesse Liles] when Jesse Liles died in the service; that from the ages of her uncles Samuel and Wilson Liles, she thinks Jesse Liles was at least 20 years old when he enlisted in the service. She signed her affidavit with her mark and her name is spelled Elizabeth Chesher on the signature line.]

[p 42: On February 19, 1842 in Morgan County Tennessee, Nelly White, 80, gave testimony that she married her husband, Daniel White, deceased, the year before General Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]; that she was married in Anson County North Carolina and was acquainted with Nancy Soward; that affiant well recollects that Nancy was married to her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband John Liles at the edge of South Carolina; that since the marriage of Nancy and John, the affiant moved from Anson County North Carolina to Greenville South Carolina and lived there 23 years then moved to Roane County Tennessee where she continued 28 years and where she again became intimately acquainted with Nancy Liles and her husband John Liles. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 23, 1818, for service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in the amount of \$34.21 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 10 months and 8 days in the South Carolina militia.]