

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Lucas W20535 Mary Lucas MD VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of North Carolina } On this 10th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court
Rutherford County } before the justices of the court of Rutherford County now sitting William
Lucas a resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged 78
years who being duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration on Oath, in order to
obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7 of June 1832 that he entered the services of the
United States under the following named officers and served as here in stated.

In the year 1776 I volunteered in the State of Maryland & County of Fredrick [sic: Frederick] & I think the
County is now called Montgomry [sic: Montgomery] under the command of Capt. Campbell [Eneas
Campbell, pension application R1627] & Lieut Jones we marched on to Fredrick town where we met 3
companies commanded by Capt Munachy[?] Deacons [sic: Leonard Deakins] & Speaker we then went in
company on to Philadelphia with all the speed we could to get to head quarters which was at Philadelphia
we stayed there about 8 days and made preperation & became organized, we then came under the
command of Lieut Col'n Holcome [Holcombe?], our firs Col'n I do not know his name as he was sick &
was never with us Our Brigadier General was name [Reazin] Beall. After laying at head quarters 8 days
we marched for New York we got to New York on Wendesday I think & on Monday following we had
an engagement with the British forces commanded by Lord [William] Howe [Battle of Harlem Heights,
16 Sep 1776] we was attacked by the British & we stood our ground & the british retreated to the lower
part of the Island in the town & we remained in the upper part of the Island, in this position both armies
lay for I think 2 or 3 weeks waching each other. The British then left the Island & went up East river &
landed in Connecticut I think, or some where in New england We were then Ordered to march on after
them we went up the river & met the british at a place called white plains where we had a skirmish [Battle
of White Plains, 28 Sep 1776] & the enemy left us and went on the New York and took possession of the
Island & we returned & crossed North River at Kings ferry I think it was called & went on to fort Mifflin
[sic: Fort Mifflin on Mud Island] where we was soon routed by the British. we then went on to
Philadelphia where I was dismissed by my Captain at the expiration of my time 6 month for which time I
volunteered. I obtained a writen discharge but I have loust it since. I then went home to Maryland where I
lived 3 or 4 years & then mooved to Virginia in McLenburg Roan Oak River [sic: Mecklenburg County
on Roanoke River] & there I was soon called to serve my Cuntry again. I stood my draft & I drew the 7th
no. I had then to go against Conwallis [sic: Cornwallis] we met at a place called Cabin point [on James
River in Surry County VA] & there formed our company commaned by Capt [Robert] Smith & Lieut
[John] Clay we then marched on to Taylors ferry on roan Oak [S of Boydton] & there we joined the
regiment commaned by Robt Mumphord [sic: Robert Munford] & Majr [Henry] Walker who took sick &
did not serve we marched from thence and under command of Coln Mumphord & joined General Green
[sic: Nathanael Greene] in the [undeciphered word] near Guilford we were there put under command of
Brigadier General [Robert] Lawson, who appointed Maj. Gray in place of Waker who took sick. General
Green then took command of the army & we marched into Guilford we was there but a short time when
we had a hard engagement with the Cornwallis [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] which
terminated with the loss of many killed and wounded on both sides, but we had to retreat from the british
superior forces & we went to troublesome Iron works & there our Col'n Mumphord took sick and went
home & Coln Holcom [sic: John Holcombe] too command in his place we then pursued Cornwallis &
tryed to get head of him when we got to deep river we could not cross we had to go down some distance
where Cornwallis had camped at Ramseys Mill and we found that they had got two fare a head [too far
ahead] of us to over take them & we did not pursue them any farther Our Capt. was dismissed by Coln.
Holcome & we marched with our Capt. Smith near home where we was dismissed I did not get a writen
discharge we were all verbaly discharged by our Captain. I served better than 2 Month the last tour I then

returned home almost wore out by fatigue & hunger and my wife unable to do any thing at that time being in a state of pregnancy. I had to set in & raise my Crop in that feeble State without any assistance or any time to rest from the fatigues of my last tour. during my 2 tours I suffered much from hunger cold & fatigue. the particulars would be too much for me to relate provided I was able to describe them. I would here observe that I have given a brief skech of evry thing as well as I am able to recol I may be mistaken in some dates or names as I am getting old & it has been so long since. I would father observe I think the 1st tour we was of the 1st Regement of the Maryland line & called the flying Camp.

I hereby relinquish evry claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above said William hisXmark Lucas

Intragations by the Court

1. Where & what year was you born? Answer in Montgomery County in Maryland, the year I was born I do not exctly recollect but I think in 1754. I judge from circumstances as I have no reccord
- 2nd Have you any record of your age if so where is it? Answer I have none
- 3^d Where was you living when called into service Where have you lived since Ans in Fredrick County now called Montgomery in the State Maryland & since the revolution I have lived in Rutherford County North Carolina
- 4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteeer or were you a substitute Ans, I first volunteered for 6 Month & then I was dafted & seved better than 2 Month
- 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served Such commentenental & Millitia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service Ans in addition to the officers I served under there was General Putman [sic: Israel Putnam] & General [Charles] Lee were some of the head commanders all under command of Washington. the general circumstances of my services is stated in my declaration.
- 6th Did you receve a written discharge from the service, if so, By whom was it given and what has become of it
Ans I have received a writion discharge from Capt. Campbell whom I seved 6 Month and have since loused it, & my 2 discharge from Capt. Smith was but a verbal discharge.
- 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood & who can Testify as to your character for veracity & good behaviour and your services as a soldier of the Revolution
Ans. The Revend Joseph Willis a Minister of the gospel and Edward Cook.

Land Office, Annapolis/ 21st August, 1843.

I hereby Certify, that by the returns of a company, commanded by Captain Eneas Campbell, of Maryland Militia, engaged in the Flying Camp, raised in Frederick County, and remaining in this Office, the name of William Lucas, appears upon said return, to have been enrolled as a private, in said Company, on the 18th day of July, 1776.
George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. Land Off. Md.

NOTE: On 10 Dec 1842 Mary Lucas, 82, of Cleveland County NC, applied for a pension stating that she married William Lucas in the summer of 1780, and he died on 6 April 1839. James R. Lucas submitted the family record from blank pages in a New Testament printed in 1788, which is transcribed below.

A Reagerster of William Lucas'es and Mary his wife Children ages.

John Lucas was born Aprel 25th in the year of our Lord 1781

James Rimer Lucas was Born January 16th 1784

Nancy Lucas was Born 21st October in the year of our lord Christ 1791

Mimy Lucas was Born March 14th 1822

Caty Lucas was Born August 26th 1825