

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Lewis Saxon W21791 Sally McNess¹ fn117SC
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The State of South Carolina Laurens district: SS

On this 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord 1845 personally appeared before the Judge of the court of Ordinary for the District of Laurens Sally McNess a resident of the State of South Carolina in the District of Laurens, aged seventy-six years who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th, 1838, and the 23rd of August 1842, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary War. That she is the widow of Lewis Saxon who was a soldier and officer in the war of the Revolution. That from the best information she has as to the services of her deceased husband Lewis Saxon, he was drafted in the service in the year 1778 under Colonel James Williams & Colonel Robert McCrary and then performed 3 months service.

That he was drafted again in 1779 under the above named officers and performed a tour of 3 months service. That he volunteered in 1780, the last of December, under Captain William Harris and Colonel Joseph Hays [Joseph Hayes] and performed service as a private, until sometime in the year 1781, at which time he was appointed a Captain and continued to perform service in such up to the close of the War. That there was a predatory war kept up between the Tories and Whigs in South Carolina, for several months after the treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain, in which her husband continued to perform service. That she has heard her husband say he was engaged in the Battles of Cowpens, Eutaw Springs, the Siege at Ninety Six, and was taken prisoner at Hayes' Station in Ninety Six District. That he was a resident of Ninety Six District South Carolina at the time he was drafted into service, where he continued to live (or in a part of the same now called Laurens District) to the time of his death. That his services were performed in the State of South Carolina, with the exception of one tour of Service, which she has heard her husband say he performed in the State of North Carolina. That she has no other documentary evidence in support of the claim, than what is here with forwarded to the Department.

That many years ago she saw amongst her husband's papers his commission as a Captain in the Revolutionary War; but that it has since been destroyed or misplaced so that it is now out of her power to produce it. She also declares that she was married to the said Lewis Saxon on the first day of February in the year 1787; that her husband, the aforesaid Lewis Saxon died on the 31st day of October 1813; that she was not married to

¹ Former widow

him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 Viz.: at the time above stated. She further declares that after the death of her husband the aforesaid she was married to Robert McNess on the __ day of April in the year 1816; that he died on the seventh day of January 1840; and that she is still a widow. And that she said Sally McNess is a credible person.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the court this the 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord 1845.

S/ W. D. Watts, JCOLD

[fn p. 9: the widow authenticated the Bible record submitted with her application stating that it was in the handwriting of her deceased husband Lewis Saxon. She signed this document with her signature as follows

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sally McNess". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

[fn p. 3: Bible record:]

Lewis Saxon was born 10th December 1761

Sally Saxon his wife was born the 29th day of January 1764

was married together the 1st July 1787

Clarissa their first child was Born the 10th December in the year 1787

Charles was born the 7th January 1790

Died 14th January 1834

Lousia was born the 3rd August 1791

Died the 12th August 1792

David was born the 29th November 1794

Died 16th Dec 1837

Polly was born the 23rd October 1796

Hugh was born the 8th October 1798

Allen was born the 4th June 1800

Died 22 February 1822[could be "1823" or "1827"]

Joshua was born 29th November 1801

Lydall P. was born 15th April 1803

Tabitha was born 2nd July 1804

Died 11 November 1832[?]

Susannah was born 14th December 1805

Samuel was born 25th September 1807

Died 15th January 1831

Harriette was born 20th May 1809

Died 16th June 1826 Friday 8 A. M.

Lewis was born 4th December 1810

Died the 20 August 1811

[Widow's maiden name was Sally Allen. The name of her second husband appears in the file as both Robert McNess and Robert McNeese.]

The State of South Carolina, Lawrence District

Before the Subscriber a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid, and duly authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths, personally appeared Joseph Griffin² a revolutionary Pensioner of the United States and being duly Sworn makes oath that he was well acquainted with Lewis Saxon of Laurens District (formally called Ninety Six District, South Carolina). That the said Lewis Saxon was a Soldier and officer in the revolutionary war – was drafted into service in the year 1778, commanded by Colonel James Williams & Col. Robert McCrary [sic, Robert McCreery] and performed a three months service in the upper & middle part of the State. That he was drafted again in 1779 commanded by Colonels Williams & McCreery, and performed a three months tour of service, was in the Battle of Stono, his services were confined to the State of South Carolina.

That he volunteered the last of December 1780 under Captain William Harris, Colonel Joseph Hayes, in Ninety Six District & marched to Grindal's Shoals on Pacolet River, from there to the Cowpens and was there engaged in the Battle. That he performed service mostly in the upper Section of the State, was at the Siege of Ninety Six – and was taken a prisoner at Hayes' Station in Ninety Six District.

That the said Lewis Saxon was appointed a Captain in 1781 (the precise time of the year not now recollected) and continued to act as a Captain up to the close of the war. This deponent & the said Lewis Saxon belonged to the same Regiment from the time he volunteered in December 1780 up to the close of the War in the year 1783.

Sworn to and subscribed this third day of January 1845 before me.

S/ W. R. Farley

S/ Joseph Griffin

The State of South Carolina, Laurens district

Before the Subscriber a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid and duly authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths personally appeared Charles Allen³ a revolutionary pensioner of the United States and being duly sworn makes oath that he was well acquainted with Lewis Saxon of Laurens District (formerly called Ninety Six District South Carolina).

That the said Lewis Saxon was a soldier and officer and the Revolutionary War.

This deponent entered the service of the revolution in the month of April in the year 1781, and Knows that the said Lewis Saxon was then in service, commanded by Colonel Williams⁴ & Major William Mulwee [sic, William Milwee]⁵ and that the said Lewis Saxon continued to perform Service up to the close of the war.

Sworn to and subscribed this third day of January 1845 before me.

S/ W. R. Farley, M. L. D.

S/ Charles Allen

The State of South Carolina, Laurens District

Before the Subscriber a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid, and duly authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths personally appeared Samuel Franks⁶ a revolutionary Pensioner and being duly Sworn makes oath that he was well

2 [Joseph Griffin S21247](#)

3 [Charles Allen S17819](#)

4 Col. James Williams died on October 8, 1780 from wounds suffered at the Battle of King's Mountain.

5 [William Milwee W9200](#)

6 [Samuel Franks W21160](#)

acquainted with Lewis Saxon of Lawrence District South Carolina and were married Sally Allen – That the said Lewis Saxon was a soldier and officer of the revolutionary We were; that he acted as a Captain in service for at least two years, don't know how long he was in service before his promotion.

Sworn to and Subscribed this third day of January 1845 before me.

S/ W. R. Farley, M. L. D.

S/ Samuel Franks

The State of South Carolina, Laurens district

Before the Subscriber a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid and duly authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths personally appeared William Blakely,⁷ a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States, and being first duly sworn makes oath that he was well acquainted with Lewis Saxon of Ninety Six District, South Carolina, that the said Lewis Saxon was a soldier & officer in the revolutionary war; that this deponent & the said Lewis Saxon were together at the Battle of Stono, and were taken prisoner at Hayes Station in Ninety Six District. That the said Lewis Saxon was appointed a Captain in 1781 & performed service as such up to the close of the war.

Sworn to & Subscribed this third day of January 1845 before me.

S/ W. R. Farley, M. L. D.

S/ William Blakely, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$230 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848, for the service of her former husband as a Captain in the South Carolina militia.]

⁷ [William Blakely S21649](#)