

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Knox ¹ W26190

Milley Knox

f63SC

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In the matter of Robert Knox: An Application for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7, A.D. 1832

Recorded in book A 266 page Edward Patton clerk.

The State of Indiana, Switzerland County, SS:

On this thirteenth day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the honorable, the Probate Court, of the County aforesaid, being a court of record, Robert Knox a resident of Gallatin County Kentucky aged Seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed the 7th of June, A.D. 1832 -- that he, the said Robert Knox entered the service of the United States, that during the American Revolutionary War, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated -- That he, the said Robert Knox

1. Served in A.D. 1779 or 1780 in a company commanded by Captain James Knox of Camden district SC for about Seventy days
2. In A.D. 1779 or 1780 in a company commanded by Captain Philip Walker, same district, and served about Seventy days.
3. In A.D. 1780 in a company commanded by same Captain, same district and served four months
4. In A.D. 1781 in John McClure's company forty days.

And, that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

The Court, then propounded the following interrogatories to the said Robert Knox.

1st Where and in what year were you born? I was born on the 11th of April 1758, = In County Antrim in Ireland

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have no record of my age it was recorded in the family Bible which was destroyed in the Revolution

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? I then lived in Camden district South Carolina =

¹ BLWt26714-160-55

Since that time, 2 years in South Carolina and for the last forty-six or forty-Seven years in Kentucky = now live in Kentucky three miles from Vevay --

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? 1st Substitute for William Miller = was drafted twice and then volunteered several times

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] Colonel Laurens [John Laurens], General Greene [Nathanael Greene], General Marion [Francis Marion], Colonel Williams, Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] and many others among them General Moultrie [William Moultrie]. I served as a substitute for William Miller of Camden district South Carolina, in a company of militia commanded by Captain James Knox, and I think Alexander Campbell acted as our Lieutenant, David Marrow, John McCollom and Samuel Marrow (the said Samuel afterwards enlisted for eighteen months) were privates in the same company. The said company was marched from said Camden district to within five miles of Charleston, SC and were stationed there about Seventy days. About this time it was expected that Cornwallis would make an attack upon Charleston but he passed on towards Savannah. We were then discharged by order of Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge]. There were three or four companies stationed at the same place = the commander's name I have forgotten, but I think Joseph Brown acted as Major.

I was drafted in the same district and served in a company of militia commanded by Captain Philip Walker for a short time and was then transferred to a company commanded by Captain Hugh Whitesides (William Miller, the same man for whom I acted as a substitute) acted as Lieutenant and I was appointed and served as first Sergeant, George Kelser acted as Ensign, Thomas Morrison was a private. We were marched from Camden aforesaid over the sand hills and from thence to guard -- Mills, and continued to guard the same for two weeks -- from thence we marched across Cooper's River and thence to Orangeburg and served during this tour, about Seventy days.

I was drafted, at same place in a company commanded by Captain Philip Walker, John Knox Lieutenant, James Johnson Ensign, James Blair first Sergeant, Colonel Richd Lacey [sic, probably Edward Lacey] and Major Joseph Brown -- Hutchison was adjutant. We were marched by way of Mount corner [sic, Moncks Corner] near Charleston, to near [indecipherable word -- I think it is an intentional obfuscation of the word "Savannah"] River and joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army, and served as a rifleman for four months and ten days, and was discharged by Colonel Lacey at Charleston. During this campaign we had a battle with Cornwallis Army under Colonel Laurens. The Colonel was wounded² in the Army in this battle. Colonel Simmons commanded the fatigue party. Colonel Simmons' brother was a major. This battle was the day after Cornwallis went on John's island. I went as a volunteer on James island and served during this tour, about four months.

I enlisted for forty days, while Cornwallis was quartered at the crossroads, at the big

² Lt. Col. John Laurens was wounded May 3, 1779 in an engagement on the Coosawhatchie in Beaufort District, Jasper County, SC. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_coosawhatchie.html He was mortally wounded August 25, 1782 in an engagement at Combahee Ferry, SC. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_combahee_ferry .

spring on the Saluda Road, under orders from General Sumpter in a company commanded by John McClure Lieutenant John Knox and Ensign James Johnson.

From the Catawba Indian lands we marched to a place called Rocky Mount³ in Camden district and on a Sabbath morning had a skirmish with a British party and then marched across Catawba River and on the next Sabbath morning we had another battle at the Hanging Rock⁴ -- General Sumpter commander in chief, John Adair,⁵ a member of Congress, was aid de camp, Lacey acted as Colonel. I was wounded in this battle by a gunshot in my left knee = the wounded were taken to Charlotte, in North Carolina, and I continued with the wounded until after Cornwallis moved his Army. About this time I was attacked with the jaundice and permitted to go on furlough to an acquaintance's (James Porter, on Fort Creek) until I recovered. I continued at Porter's until I was able to ride, when I went with Captain William Porter, to the neighborhood of Gilbert's Town [sic, Gilbert Town] and continued with him until the 20th of the next December.

I was drafted again, the next Spring, at Camden aforesaid, in a company commanded by Captain Hugh Knox, Lieutenant John Knox and Ensign John Miller -- and served as first Sergeant. We were marched to Orangeburg SC and continued there under the command of General Sumpter for two months, and one week and three days.

I volunteered and served in a company commanded by Captain John Turner, to operate against the Tories, and served about 4 months.

I volunteered in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Hanna and was in the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]⁶ and in the Siege of Ninety Six in 1781 [May 21-June 19, 1781].⁷ Captain Mills commanded the US troops under whose command I had been placed after the battle I was dispatched by Colonel Henderson and others to carry dispatches to Governor Rutledge which I delivered to the Governor at Colonel Thompson's [John Thomson's] old place, near the Junction of Broad and Catawba rivers on the road from Kings Mountain to Charleston, SC.

That, he the said Robert Knox, served during said Revolutionary War, under the various commanders, as aforesaid, for a full term of two years and two months.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁵ ADAIR, John, a Senator and a Representative from Kentucky; born in Chester District, Chester County, S.C., January 9, 1757; attended the public schools in Charlotte, N.C.; served in the Revolutionary War; member of the South Carolina convention that ratified the Constitution of the United States; moved to Kentucky in 1788; major of volunteers in an expedition against the Indians under General Wilkinson in 1791 and 1792; was a lieutenant colonel under General Scott in 1793; member of the Kentucky constitutional convention in 1792; member of the State house of representatives 1793-1795, 1798, and 1800-1803, serving as speaker in 1802 and 1803; register of the United States land office in 1805; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Breckinridge and served from November 8, 1805, to November 18, 1806, when he resigned, having been an unsuccessful candidate for reelection; aide to Governor Isaac Shelby in the Battle of the Thames in 1813; commander of the Kentucky rifle brigade which served under General Andrew Jackson in 1814 and 1815; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1817; appointed adjutant general with the brevet rank of brigadier general; Governor of Kentucky 1820-1824; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-second Congress (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1833); was not a candidate for reelection in 1832; died in Harrodsburg, Ky., May 19, 1840; interment in State Cemetery, Frankfort, Ky., where a monument to his memory was erected by the State. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=A000026>

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁷ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

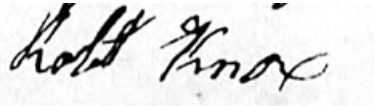
has become of it? I had a discharge signed by Colonel Lacey but have lost it --

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. General Jesse Lindsey, William Lindsey, Thomas Neal, Lewis Yesterday and others

8. Have you any documentary evidence of your services, and do you know of any person now living whose testimony he can procure to this testify to your services? I have none in my possession but refer you to documents filed in the War department in January 1825,⁸ in my behalf.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Knox



S/ Edward Patten, Clerk

[James Cox, a clergyman, and Robert Gullion gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

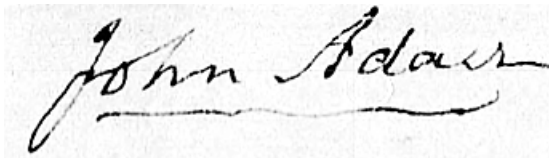
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Washington City February 15, 1833

I do hereby certify that I knew Robert Knox (before named) well during the Revolutionary War, that I saw him in two or three of the battles he describes, and that I fully believe he did perform the services for which he now asks a pension -- I likewise knew all the Officers he names, as having served with or under -- He was always reputed a faithful and good Soldier and an honest man and I firmly believe that his Deposition and Certificate is entitled to full credit.

Given under my hand this day & date above

S/ John Adair⁹



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State of Tennessee Bedford County

I hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Robert Knox aged about 72 years my acquaintance with him was from [the time] he was 11 years of age until long since the revolution war I was in the war of the Revolution and has no hesitation in saying I believe that he was in the Army as a soldier of the revolution but at this time does not recollect of seeing him there although I have often heard that he was a Revolutioner and in my acquaintance the said Knox was considered a man of truth and credibility.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of August 1832

S/ James Morrow, JP

S/ Isaac Eoff,¹⁰ X his mark

⁸ This file does not contain any documents relating to a claim the veteran may have made in 1825.

⁹ [John Adair W2895](#)

¹⁰ [Isaac Eoff R3362](#)

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace, in and for said County, Samuel Knox,¹¹ aged about 80 years, of the County aforesaid who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Robert Knox who now resides in Gallatin County State of Kentucky = that he was acquainted with said Robert during the whole of the last American Revolutionary War = that said Robert Knox, served several tours of duty, in the militia of the State of South Carolina = and he has no hesitation in saying that said Robert Knox, served as a soldier, in said Revolution for the full term of at least two years = This deponent further saith that said Robert Knox was at the battle at a place called the Hanging Rock, in South Carolina, also at the battle of the Blackstocks [November 20, 1780]¹² the said troops were, at said battle under the General command of General Sumpter, John Adair, of Kentucky, now a member of Congress, acted as a aid de camp to the general = and that Colonel Lacy [Edward Lacey] commanded the Regiment of Militia from Camden district South Carolina and that Captain John McClure was killed in the battle at the hanging rock, and deponent further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th of August A.D. 1832, and I certify that said Knox is a credible person.

S/ Samuel Knox, X his mark

S/ James Marrow, JP

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State of Indiana Switzerland County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid, Robert Knox of lawful age, who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

1. For [word obliterated] months and 6 or 10 days, as a private = a substitute for William Miller
2. For 2 months and 6 or 10 days, as a first Sergeant.
3. For 4 months and 8 or 10 days, as a private riflemen
4. For 3 months certain but I believe for 4 months as a private.
5. For 40 days as a private.
6. For 7 months as a private.
7. For 2 months one week and 3 days as a private.
8. For 3 months and 3 weeks and a day, as a private.
9. For 2 months and 9 days, as a private.

And that the testament, he always made was that he served in all 26 months and more, besides various short tours during the Revolutionary war and for such service he claims a pension.

And the said Robert Knox, further swears that the reasons why he made application to the court in Switzerland County Indiana and not in Gallatin County Kentucky are that he resides within three miles of Vevay Indiana and about eleven or twelve miles from Port William = that some of his children reside in Vevay, with whom he spends considerable of his time = that he is

¹¹ [Samuel Knox W302](#)

¹² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

acquainted with all the old settlers about Vevay and has little or none with the citizens of Port William = that he has resided in the neighborhood of Vevay for the last 17 years and further saith not.

S/ Robert Knox

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 15th day of December 1832

S/ Samuel Beal

[p 16: On January 9, 1854 in Gallatin County Kentucky, Milley Knox, 62, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Knox, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of either 80 or \$96 per annum; that she married him July 17, 1817 in Franklin County Kentucky by the Reverend William Hickman Junior a Baptist minister; that her husband died October 3, 1836; that her name prior to her marriage was Milley Bohanan [also spelled Bohannon in other documents in the file]; and that she remains his widow.]

[p 26: Certified copy of the record of marriage of Robert Knox and Millie Bohannon performed July 17, 1817 by William Hickman Junior, a minister of the gospel, in Franklin County Kentucky.]

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Declaration for Pension or for Increase of Pension of Children under Sixteen Years of age State of Kentucky, County of Carroll, SS:

On this 26th day of March A.D. 1897 personally appeared before me Justice of the Peace for the Frscial [?]¹³ Court a Court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid Amanda Melvina Fuller (nee Knox) resident of Worthville, County of Carroll, State of Kentucky aged sixty-seven years, respectively, who being duly sworn according to law, make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by Act of Congress for children under sixteen years of age. That she is the legitimate child of Robert Knox who enlisted under the name of Robert Knox at Charlestown South Carolina, on the ___ day of ___ A.D. Date of enlistment & company or Regiment unknown in the war of 1776, who died October 3rd 1836 wounded in the at Cowpens and cause of death was from the effects of said wound at Ghent near Gallatin County on the 3rd day of October A.D. 1836 and who bore at the time of his death the rank of ___ in company ___ Regiment ___ that he left a widow surviving who died on the 26th day of February 1861, never having remarried that the above named is the only surviving legitimate child of Robert Knox who was under 16 years of age at the time of his death, of whom Mildred Ann Knox died March 21 1864, Margaret Jane Knox died October 7 1880, Robert Knox died July 1884, Angeline Knox living, that said children were the issue of the soldier, as follows, dates of their births being as herein after stated:

Mildred Ann , of soldier by Robert Knox, born March 19 1819

Amanda Melvina of soldier by Robert Knox, born September 30, 1829

Angeline, of soldier by Robert Knox, born June 25 1817

Robert, of soldier by Robert Knox, born February 17 1821

Margaret Jane, of soldier by Robert Knox, born July 27 1827.

That the mother was married under the name of Mildred Bohanan the wife of Robert Knox to

£129 .0 .0
£18.8.0 [?]

Personally appeared Robert Knox and made Oath that the above Account is Just and true
Sworn before me this 9th 1784 [?]

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[Book] R No. 511

Robert Knox his Account for Militia Use in 1780 & 1781

[undeciphered abbreviation] to Stg. £18.8.6 ³/₄

Passed by the

Comm'd Voucher

£9.2.10

£9.5.8

Nine Pounds five Shillings & Eight Pence Passed

S/ E. D.

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South Carolina Camden District} Personally appeared William Knox and Samuel Miller and
being duly Sworn have Appraised a Roan Mare the Property of Robert Knox Lost in the Service
of the State they have Appraised the said Mare to Sixty-five Pounds
Sworn before Made this 3rd day of June 1783

S/ Jas. Knox, JP

I do hereby Empower the Bearer hereof Captain John Mills to Receive an Indent for the amount
of my account against the Public for services &c

S/ Robert Knox



to Edward Blake & Peter Bocquat Esqr.

Public Treasurers

The above was signed and acknowledged before me this 3rd of August 1785 [last digit unclear]

S/ Jas. Knox JP

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Received 12 March 1790 full Satisfaction in an Indent No. 3813 Book X amount Nine Pounds
five Shillings & eight Pence

£9.5.8

S/ Robert Knox