

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Knox W302

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State of Tennessee Bedford County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County

On this day personally appeared in open court now sitting before the Justices presiding therein Samuel Knox a resident of the County of Bedford in the State of Tennessee aged Seventy-nine years of age or thereabouts who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That a short time before the attack by the British at Fort Mooter [sic, Fort Moultrie] in South Carolina he entered the service of the United States in Capt. Brown's [William Brown's] company in Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Regiment [6<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Regiment] as a substitute for his brother William Knox then an enlisted soldier in said company -- that he was in Fort Mooter [Moultrie] during the attack made upon [it] by the British [June 28, 1776]<sup>1</sup> -- that soon after which he marched on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians in the same company -- General Williams [sic, Andrew Williamson] commanding the expedition that they penetrated the Indian country had a fight with the Indians near one of their towns, defeated them and burnt their town -- that on his return he got a furlough to go home with the sick -- that he soon after accompanied by his brother William joined the Army at Charlestown -- that he enlisted for nine months in the same company -- that when his term of service expired he joined a volunteer company under Capt. Phillip Walker and joined Sumter's Army -- that he thinks he served six months in this company -- that after his time in this company expired he joined another volunteer company in Chester County South Carolina commanded by Capt. McClure [John McClure] during which time of service he was in the fight at the rocky mount [Rocky Mount, July 30, 1780]<sup>2</sup> -- thinks it was on a Sunday and that on the following Sunday he was in the action at the hanging rock [Hanging Rock, August 6, 1780]<sup>3</sup> where his commanding officer Capt. McClure was killed -- that he was in the action at Blackstock's [November 20, 1780]<sup>4</sup> where General Sumter was wounded. -- and that all his engagements were honorably discharged. The great length of time however and the consequent decay of his memory prevent him from being positively certain whether the different facts stated by him is in correct chronological order or not but that they are substantially true he affirms. He further states that he has no documentary

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_ft\\_moultrie\\_1.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_rocky\\_mount.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hanging\\_rock.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_blackstocks.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html)

testimony -- that he knows of no person who can testify to his service except the evidence accompanying this his declaration.

He hereby relinquishes all & every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any State.

He Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

He Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 7th August 1832.

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clk

S/ Saml. Knox, S his mark

[William Keele, a clergyman, and Theodrich Bradford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Isaac Eoff<sup>5</sup> residing in Bedford County & State of Tennessee do State that I lived in South Carolina near to where Samuel Knox resided during the revolutionary war -- and that I have certain knowledge that the said Samuel was in the service of his country during that war -- but as to his particular periods of service I cannot state but believe his own statements on them to be true. Sworn to & subscribed to in open Court 7th of August 1832

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clk

S/ Isaac Eoff, X his mark

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An amendment to the declaration of Samuel Knox made and sworn to the 7th of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1833 [sic, 1832].

State of Tennessee Bedford County

Personally appeared before me Samuel Phillips a Justice of the peace for said County Samuel Knox who being duly sworn deposed & 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 & in the following grades (viz.) That it is impossible for him to state with certainty the time of his entering and leaving the service, But he served to the best of his remembrance not less than the following tours under the following named officers, under Capt. Brown as a substitute for his brother nine months, as a private Soldier under Capt. Phillip Walker six months, as a private soldier and under Capt. McClure seven months as a private Soldier in all making twenty-two months for which he claims a pension, and it is impossible for him to recollect the periods in which he served.

Sworn to & subscribed before me February 11 1833.

S/ Samuel Knox, X his mark

S/ Samuel Phillips, JP

[p 11 Family Register]

William Knox was born the 5 of November 1788

Mary Knox was born the 26th day of September 1792

Azuberck [?] Knox was born the 27 of November 1794

Margaret Knox was born the 11th of June 1797

Jinnet Knox was born February the 12th in the year 1799

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<sup>5</sup> [Isaac Eoff R3362](#)

*William Knox*  
 was born the 5 of November 1758  
*Margaret Knox*  
 was born the 26 day of September 1792  
*Elizabeth Knox*  
 was born the 21 of November 1794  
*Margaret Knox*  
 was born the 11 of June 1797  
 Knox was born February  
 the 12 in the year 1799

[p 15: On October 28, 1843, Catherine Knox, 82, filed in Rutherford County Tennessee for a widows pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Knox, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$73.33 per annum under certificate number 7499; that she married him in the latter part of the year 1781 or first part of the year 1782; that she was married by her uncle John Simpson, a Presbyterian minister; that her husband Samuel Knox died in Rutherford County on the 7th day of July 1843; and that she remains his widow.]

[In a subsequent filing dated in 1846, the widow states that the births of her first 2 children Betsey & Catherine are not shown on the family register; that Betsey, her firstborn child was 7 years older than her 4th child William Knox; that her 3rd child died at birth and was not listed on the register.]

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State of Tennessee Coffee County:

Before me John G. Walker a justice of the peace in and for the County of Coffee aforesaid on the 23rd day of October 1843 personally appeared Margaret Eoff aged about 80 years, who after being first duly sworn deposes as follows: that she has known Catherine Knox from her childhood, that they were raised together in South Carolina Chester district. This deponent was present when Catherine Knox above named married to Samuel Knox late deceased, and was a waiter at the wedding. She cannot recollect the day or year in which they were married -- it was about the end of the Revolutionary war, and about 1 1/2 years before the births of their oldest child Elizabeth Knox, now Elizabeth Jones. They were married at the house of William Jones (her father) by preacher Simpson as she recollects. The said Samuel Knox & Catherine his widow removed to Kentucky and then to Tennessee. The said Samuel died in

Rutherford County Tennessee, as deponent has been informed & believes some times last summer -- his widow still resides there. He was a pensioner when he died.

Subscribed & sworn before me this the day & year above written & I certify that said deponent is a respectable person & worthy of credit

S/ John G. Walker, JP

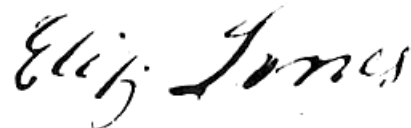
S/ Margaret Eoff, X her mark

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State of Tennessee Coffee County:

Before me John G. Walker a justice of the peace in and for the County of Coffee aforesaid this 23rd day of October A.D. 1843 personally appeared Elizabeth Jones aged 60 years, who after being first duly sworn deposes as follows -- she is the daughter and oldest child of Samuel Knox & Catherine Knox that the annexed record gives as she believes a true statement of the births of the children of said Samuel & Catherine. Said record was torn out of an old Bible, which deponent used as [a] school book some 45 years ago -- she has had it in her possession ever since. The record was written before her recollection, she does not know by whom -- she has noticed it from her childhood -- her father the said Samuel Knox died as she is informed in July last.

S/ Eliz. Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eliz. Jones". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 22 months in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]