

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lasater (Lassiter) W4010¹ Rebecca Lasater f54NC

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State of North Carolina Chatham County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this 13th day of November personally appeared before Wesley Hanks, David Sauls, & Robert Bingham Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Chatham now in session, William Lasater 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 of the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June in the year 1832.

That he was born in what is now Franklin County (formerly Bute) on the 22nd of December 1756, being now in the 76th year of his age, agreeable to the record of the respective ages of his father's children now in possession of his brother Abner Lasater and transcribed from the family Bible of his Father which has been since burned, that he entered the service of the United States in the early part of December 1780 as a volunteer in a troop of horse commanded by Captain William Jones, of Orange County in this State, that he resided in the County of Chatham when he volunteered, that Sterling Hightower was the Lieutenant and John Robeson the Ensign of this company; that immediately after he entered the service his Company was marched to the Big Pedee [River] in the edge of South Carolina, where he met the Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], soon after which he was sent with others to drive beef for the use of the Army -- that after having procured the necessary supplies, he was sent by General Greene as an express to Halifax -- that on his return to the encampment after having executed the express General Greene had marched up the Pedee [River] for he was then pursued by Cornwallis and the Company in which he volunteered marched over to Cheraw Hill where he remained but a few days before he was sent off again with others to conduct Absalom Hines a Tory Captain who had been taken prisoner to the town of Halifax in this State, that after having delivered the said Hines into the hands of the General assembly of the State then in session -- his first tour of service having expired, he returned home where he received a discharge under the hand of Captain William Jones whose name has been already mentioned in this declaration which discharge is herewith enclosed, that he remained at home after his first discharge until about the 11th of May 1781 -- when he volunteered again and entered the service in a troop of Horse commanded by Captain Joseph Rosser, the name of the Lieutenant was Senion [?] Terrell & the name ___ Spencer Stewart, that a short time after he volunteered his company joined a troop of Horse commanded

¹ The digital image of the original application is much easier to read on the Ancestry.com site than on the Fold3.com site.

by Colonel Guilford Dudley² with the following Captains to wit = Captain Hunter of Wake, Captain Douglass of Orange, a Captain Hodge of Guilford and Captain McLeary from whence he cannot recollect -- that during this tour of duty he was never marched out of the State but was engaged during the whole of it against the Tories at the head of which was David Fanning: that he was marched by Colonel Dudley near the Cumberland line where the men mutinied and refused to proceed any further and the different companies were then disbanded and returned home, that if ever he William Lasater received a discharge for this tour of service he has lost it, that he remembers well that he served out his tour, that after having remained at home a while after having finished this tour of duty he again volunteered and entered the service as horseman in the company of horse commanded by Captain Joseph Rosser aforementioned in this declaration, the Lieutenant of which was Joseph Hackney, the name of the Ensign he cannot recollect, that during this tour of service, he was employed in keeping the Tories in check who were commanded by Fanning and that he never went out of the State or the district of Hillsboro, and that when he finished his tour of service he received a discharge which is filed with his declaration, that he knows of no further testimony which is within his reach, that he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension [list] of any agency in any State.

S/ William Lasater



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[Richard Drake, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Joseph Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Declaration of William Lasater as amended 15th August 1833

On this the 15th of August 1833 personally appeared before us Abraham Green, Nathan Stedman and Charles Lutterloh [?] Justices of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Chatham now in session, William Lasater who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to those already made and sworn to, viz. on the 13th November 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He enlisted in the early part of December 1780 and after being engaged in the services set forth in his declaration heretofore made received his discharge from the Captain, William Jones, dated 28th February 1781 after having served without interruption for the space of three months. The Colonel by whom he was commanded was Colonel Thomas Wade of South Carolina.

His second enlistment commenced as stated heretofore about the 11th May 1781 and was discharged about the 15th of August in the same year having served uninterruptedly for three months. This discharge was signed by Joseph Rosser, but has been lost or mislaid and cannot be had, the Colonel in this enlistment was Roger Griffith of North Carolina. His third enlistment commenced about the 11th January 1782 and ended on the 11th April 1782 as is proved by the discharge from under the hand of Joseph Rosser Captain here with transmitted embracing a

² [Guilford Dudley W8681](#)

period of three months. His Colonel during this enlistment was the same as in his second service, Roger Griffith. In the absence of a written discharge from his second enlistment he is unable to prove it by any witness, that he knows.

S/ William Lasater

Questions propounded by the Court to William Lasater together with his answers upon oath

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Bute now called Warren in the year 1756

2. Have you any record of your age?

Answer None.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. Lived in Chatham, have lived there ever since and lived there now.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute?

Answer: I volunteered.

5th. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services?

Answer. See my declaration.

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[family register]

William Lasater was born Decr 22nd 1756 his wife Rebecca Gunter his wife was born June 18th 1765

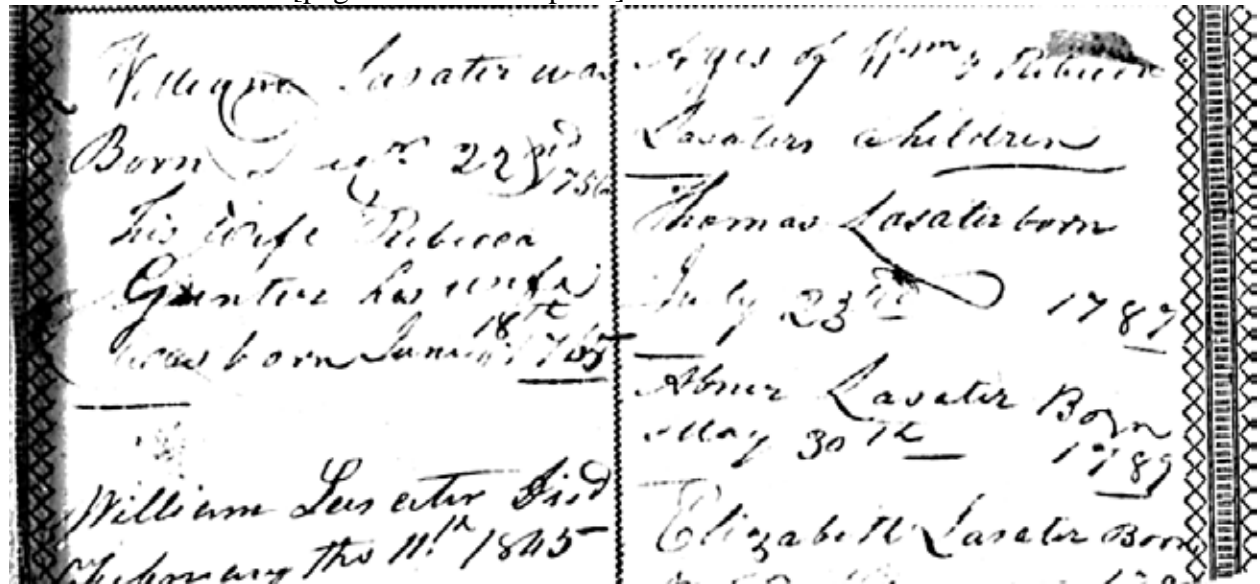
William Lasater died February the 11th 1845

Ages of William & Rebecca Lasater's children

Thomas Laster born July 23rd 1787

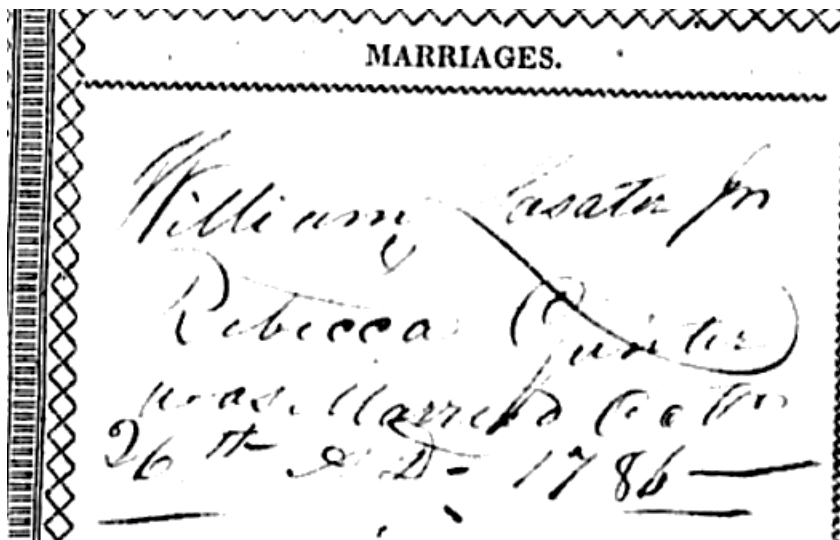
Abner Lasater born May 30 1789

Elizabeth Laster born [page cut off at this point]



Marriages

William Laster & Rebecca Gunter was married October 26 A.D. 1786



[p 11: On May 12, 1846, in Chatham County North Carolina, Rebecca Laster, 81, filed for a Widow's pension under the 1843 and 1844 acts stating that she is the widow of William Laster, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 26, 1786; that her husband died February 11 1845; she makes reference to the family register for proof of her marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: Isham Gunter, 77, gave an affidavit in support of the application of Rebecca Laster stating that he is her brother; that it is always been understood that his sister Rebecca and William Laster were joined together in marriage and lived together as man and wife; that he was present at their marriage more than 60 years ago. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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War Office Halifax Jany. 21, 1781

All Issuing Commissaries are required to furnish
 the Bearer, an Express, with Rations & Forage at the
 Several Stages where he may apply

By Order

S/ Alex^r Martin

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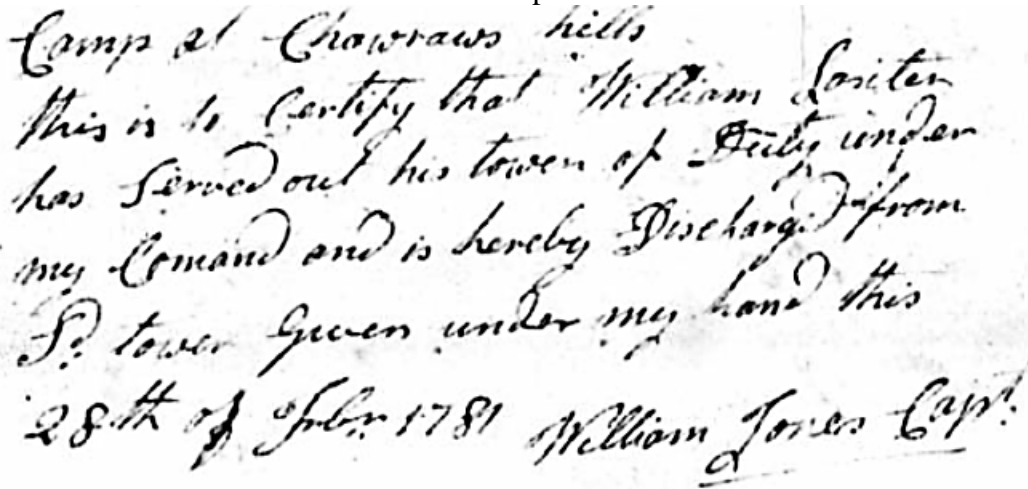
Alex^r Martin

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Camp at Chawraws hills [Cheraw Hills]

this is to Certify that William Lasiter
has Served out his tower of Duty under
my Comand and is hereby Discharged from
Sd [said] tower. Given under my hand the
28th of Febr. 1781

S/ William Jones Capt.

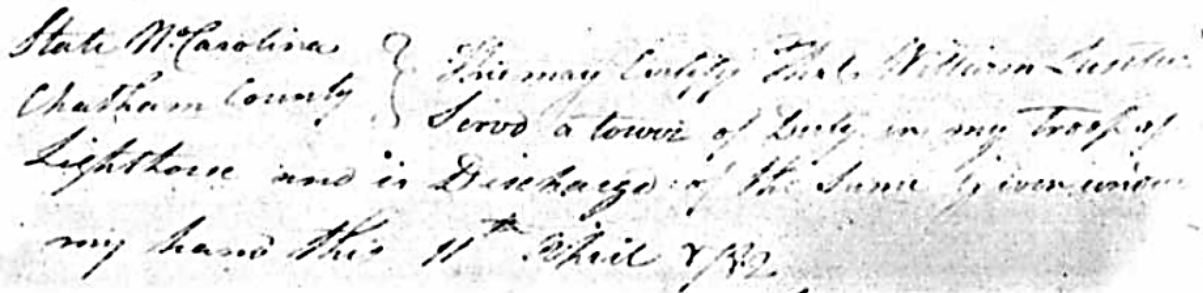


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State of North Carolina Chatham County: This may Certify that William Lasater Served a Tower
of Duty in my Troop of Lighthorse and is Discharged of the Same Given under my hand this 11th
April 1782

S/ Jo. Rosser, Capt.



State N. Carolina }
Chatham County } This may Certify that William Lasiter
Served a tower of Duty in my troop of
Lighthorse and is Discharged of the Same Given under
my hand this 11th April 1782.

Jo. Rosser Capt

[p 14, Abner Gunter, public register of Chatham County North Carolina, 70, also gave a
supporting affidavit as to William and Rebecca Laster living together as man and wife. The
relationship, if any of Abner to Rebecca Lasater is not stated although he asserts he is her
relative.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.50 for 9 months service in the revolution. His widow
was pensioned in a like amount.]