

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Lucas¹ W442

Sarah Lucas

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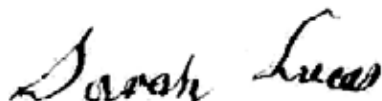
State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

This day 21st of January 1842 personally appeared before me, Edmund Payne an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid & Member and one of the Judges of the County Court, Sarah Lucas aged eighty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her Corporal oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by an act of Congress of four of July 1836 or of the act of Congress of the seventh of July 1838 either of which she shall appear by the law, and the evidence, produced to come within the provisions of granting pensions & half pay to certain widows &c.

That she is the widow of Nathaniel Lucas Deceased who was an officer of the Virginia line of the Revolution & Captain as she is informed & believes at the time of leaving the service – She knows not the precise time when he entered the Army – nor the Rank in which he entered, He left the Army shortly after the surrender of Cornwallis at little Yourk [Little York, or Yorktown October 19, 1781] – She does not know the precise service which he performed, He was at the siege of York, & its surrender, had been stationed at Stony Point as she was informed. Does not know the officers under whom he served, or the Countries through which he marched. She believes he was all fourth Virginia Continental Regiment, that he was raised & resided in the County of Greenville State of Virginia at the time, & previous to his entering the service, – that she has not at this time any record or documentary evidence in support of her claim except sworn copy of her father [will?]. She further declares she was married to her said husband at about eighteen months after the surrender of Cornwallis (the day & date she does not certainly recollect) in Greenville County Virginia by Parson Lundy, that her maiden name was Sarah Rivers (sometimes called "Sally") her father was by the name of Robert Rivers who resided in the County & State aforesaid.

That her said husband died on the fifth day of April 1807 upon the farm where she at present resides in the County of Warren & State of Kentucky, that she has remained a widow ever since, never having entered with anyone except her said husband Nathaniel Lucas.

S/ Sarah Lucas



¹ BLWt1234-300—Capt. issued February 28, 1794 Also recorded as above under Wt. 2636. No papers

[pp9-12: Appears to be a copy of the last will and testament of Nathaniel Lucas given in Warren County Kentucky but the extremely poor quality of the image posted on both Fold3.com. and HeritageQuest renders it "untranscribable"]

[p. 8: copy of a marriage bond dated April 16, 1783 issued in Greensville County Virginia to Nathaniel Lucas and John Lucas conditioned upon the marriage of Nathaniel Lucas and Sarah Rivers.]

[pp 3-4: copy of the last will and testament of Robert Rivers, Sr., of the County of Greensville in which he names his daughter Polley Rivers; daughter Amy Rivers; daughter Nancy Rivers; daughter Sally Lucas; son Thomas Rivers; son Robert Rivers; son-in-law Benjamin Jones and daughter Martha Jones; son-in-law Nathaniel Rives and daughter Elizabeth Rives; wife Martha. The will was probated May 24, 1792]

[p 18: Note on the summary of the application documents made by the War Department list the children of the veteran living as of 1807 as Charles, Robert Wilkins, John, Nancy, Elizabeth, Tabitha, Sarah and Rebecca.]

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United States of America Department of State

To all to whom these presents make him, Greeting:

I Certify, That it appears from the "Washington Papers" on file in this Department, that Nathaniel Lucas was commissioned an Ensign of the Fourth Virginia Regiment on the 19th of March 1776; that he was commissioned a first Lieutenant of the same Regiment on the 12th of March 1777; that from a Roll headed arrangement of Virginia Battalions, and endorsed Virginia Regiments Arrangement, White Plains, August 1778, it appears that Nathaniel Lucas was then a Captain; and that at the arrangement of the officers of the Third Virginia Brigade, by Brigadier General Charles Scott on the 15th of September 1778, Captain Nathaniel Lucas was arranged out as a supernumerary officer of the Fourth Virginia Regiment.

In witness whereof, I Daniel Webster Secretary of State, of the United States, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed

Done at the City of Washington, this 29th of February A.D. 1842 and of the Independence of the United States of America the 66th

S/ Danl. Webster



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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 31st day of July 1783, in the name of Nathaniel Lucas, as a Captain of Infantry for £128.4.3, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Robert Mosby [could be Robert Mosley] and was given for services prior to the 1st

January 1782. To wit – pay as Lieutenant from first January 77 to 26 May 1778 & as Captain from 26 May 1778 to first October following

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
10th day of February 1842.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$344.43 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for his services as a Lieutenant for one year and eight months 10 days and as a Captain for three months and 20 days in the Virginia service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

David Campbell Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Your Petitioner respectfully begs leave to represent unto Your Excellency, that his late father Nathaniel Lucas was a Captain of the Virginia Continental line of the Army of the Revolution (served as such until under a consolidation of Regiments or Corps, he became a supernumerary Captain & retired as such as he is informed & believes.

Your petitioner is also informed that his late father did receive from the State of Virginia a warrant for 4000 acres of land in right of his services as Captain aforesaid – Your petitioner would further represent that his father Captain Nathaniel Lucas died in Warren County Kentucky in the spring of 1807, leaving my mother Sarah Lucas, his widow & the following children, Charles Lucas, Robert W Lucas, John Lucas, Nancy Lucas (did without issue or intermarriage), Elizabeth Lucas married to Taylor B Drake, Tabitha the Lucas married to Hugh R. M. Taylor, Sarah Lucas married to Pleasant Hines, Rebecca Lucas married to Samuel B. Middleton all of Warren County and State of Kentucky. The mother of your petitioner as aforesaid is still living in the County & state aforesaid.

Your petitioner has been led to believe that his late father of acquired a right to some 400 acres of land more than he never obtained a warrant for – Your petitioner therefore prays your Excellency to take his case into consideration & grant to him & his co-heirs the allowance of any additional land to which they may be entitled to, in right of their Deceased father's services as aforesaid. And as in duty bound, your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

S/ Robert W Lucas,



12th February 1840

[Note: The index card for this entry refers to the papers of Austin Sandridge; John Cordell; Captain John Watkins; and Corbin Griffin.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Greensville County Legislative Petitions

To the Honourable the Speaker & house of General Assembly your petitioner Nathaniel Lucas, begs leave to inform your Honorable house that early in the last war he embarked in his Country's cause & the defense of his liberties, that sometime in the fall of the year 1780 he

became a supernumerary – that at the time Lord Cornwallis was marching through the southern part of this State, your petitioner was requested to take command of a body of Militia stationed at Hicks's Ford, that while there upon public service your petitioner was made prisoner by the enemy, that at the same time the horse [of] your petitioner was also taken. At a Court held for the County of Greenville 12th March 1782, the said Court allowed your petitioner the sum of sixty pounds for his horse, that the Clerk of the said County of Greenville transmitted this claim together with others to the Auditor's office where the same has been duly registered, that your petitioner did not apply within the time limited by law for a Certificate, therefore your petitioner is without remedy but by the interference of this Honorable house. He therefore prays that it will please this house to direct the auditor of Accounts to issue him a Certificate agreeably to the claim as allowed by the aforesaid Court of Greenville & shall ever pray as in duty bound &c

[Reverse]

The Auditor believes from the appearance of this Claim on the Book filed in the Auditors Office from which the annexed extract is taken that it has not been paid.

S/ J Pendleton

Auditors Office 12 November '95 [1795]

Petition of Major Nath. Lucas

Lucas Petition

12 November 1795

Claims

Voted, Reasonable and that Auditor issue Certificate

Report made out

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