

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lomax ¹ W5028 Tabitha Lomax f170NC
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[Transcriber's note: This file contains 170 pages. Those interested in this family should review the entire file.]

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State of North Carolina, Rowan County

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit at a Court of Pleas and Order Sessions began and held for the County of Rowan at the Court House in Salisbury on the third Monday in May A.D. 1819 in the 43rd year of our Independence, the following record was made –to wit:

This day personally appeared in open Court William Lomax who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration to obtain the pension of a late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War. That in the year 1781 he entered for twelve months in the Service of the United States under Captain Ely Moore [Elijah Moore] in the first Regiment of the North Carolina line, that during his Service aforesaid, he was at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781],² and Served in the Campaign of South Carolina under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and that at the end of his twelve months, he was honourably discharged. That he has no other evidence now of his said service in his power except the testimony of Stephan Baily.³ That he is old, infirm and in such reduced circumstances as to stand in need of the assistance of his country for Support.

Stephen Baily being duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath Say that he is well acquainted with William Lomax, that he well remembers him in the Service of his Country in 1781 & 1782 as a common Soldier in the first Regiment of the North Carolina twelve months men - That he is in such reduced circumstances as to Stand in need of the assistance of his country for Support Now it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that William Lomax did serve in the Revolutionary war of the United States against the common enemy for a longer term than nine months: And that he is in Such reduced Circumstances as to Stand in need of the assistance of his Country for Support: it is therefore ordered that the forgoing be made a matter of record; and that the Clerk Certify and transmit the same to the Honourable the Secretary at War.

I John Giles Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Order Sessions of Rowan County do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the minutes of the Court aforesaid.

¹ BLWt34833-160-55

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

³ Probably the same man as [Stephen Baily \(Bailey\) S41420](#)

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at Salisbury on the first day of July A.D. 1819.

S/ Jno Giles {SEAL}

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 17th of March 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that William Lomax a private in Captain McRee's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 9th of May 1781 412 months and that he left the service on the 9th of May 1782.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Rowan County} Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions August Session A.D. 1820

On this 25th day of August, 1820 personally appeared in the Court aforesaid, being a Court of record for the County of Rowan, William Lomax aged fifty-seven years resident in said County of Rowan who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War of the United States, which said services were set forth in his original Declaration under date of May Sessions A. D. 1819--

and upon which a pension certificate No. ___ was granted him: and the said Wm. Lomax does hereby solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or in any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land or naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed and which is in the following words:-

155 acres land worth not more than	\$100
one mare & colt & small horse worth	60
Two cows & two heifers worth	24
Hogs worth not more than	10
Farming implements & cooking utensils worth	<u>10</u>
	\$204

One debt due me of \$30, but I am owing fully that amount. - The said William Lomax further declares upon his oath that he is a farmer, but owing to his age and infirmity he is unable to pursue his trade and thereby support himself.

S/ William Lomax

Sworn to and declared on this 25th day of August, 1820 in Open Court before the Magistrate presiding.

[John Giles, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Rowan certifies the application.]

Davidson County P.& Q. S. Ct. February Term, 1829 State of North Carolina Davidson County)
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February term 1829. On this 10th day of February A.D. 1829
personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record -Wm-Lomax- for the County of
Davidson and State aforesaid Wm. Lomax aged Sixty five years resident in Davidson County,
who being first duly Sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the

revolutionary war.

[Joseph Hall of Montgomery County gave a supporting affidavit dated February 4, 1829 saying he served with applicant.]

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To the War Department Pension Office
State of North Carolina, Davidson County }

On this 16th day of January A.D. 1834 personally appeared before me Jesse Hill one of the Acting Justices of the Peace of the Court of Pleas [sic] and Quarter Sessions in and for said County and State aforesaid William Lomax a resident of the United States in the County of Davidson and State of North Carolina aged Seventy years the 12th of January 1834 who being first 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.: that he the above named William Lomax was according to the statement of his parents born about 1764 the 12th of January in the State of Maryland Charles County and that about the age of 16 years he moved to Guilford County North Carolina and resided there a short time and as well as he recollects in the year 1781 in the spring though he was not on the muster rolls volunteered his services as a regular soldier for the space of Twelve months left Guilford County (his residence) and went to Salisbury North Carolina Rowan County, and as well as he can recollect and in the service on the 9th of May 1781 under Colonel Armstrong [James Armstrong] & Captain McRee [Griffith John McRee] who took his name upon the rolls and states that a man by the name of Prevard [probably Joseph Brevard] was Ensign not any other officer recollected at that time but he and the other state troops under the control of Colonel Armstrong were in haste to reinforce General Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene] and from Salisbury was marched towards South Carolina for Ninety Six to fall in under General Greene. We marched along in the South and intersected with General Greene's troops the Main Army in South Carolina composed of the Continental troops as he was on his retreat from Lord Rawdon and his reenforcement. He states that he was then put into the first North Carolina Regiment under Captain McRee and the Lieutenant's name he believes was Alexander the orderly Sergeant by the name of Briggs [Robert Briggs]. The two regiments were then under General Greene as chief Commander in the South with the following officers as well as recollected were Col. Hall Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon], Col. Leightle [sic, Archibald Lytle] Colonel Murphy, Major Dunaho [sic, Donoho] and Colonel Armstrong and one Stillwell Phifer, Blackston drummer & one Track was a musician and he with the Main Army marched under General Greene Commander in Chief to the High Hills of Santee and there stationed some time and after which time we marched towards the Eutaw Springs, but before the Army reached the Eutaw Springs he William Lomax states that he was detached as one of a guard to convey a number of prisoners into the possession of the Militia which object they done before they reached Camden. After the completion of that object he with the rest of the guard marched back to the Main Army and during the absence or recess of them as guard at that period the Battle at the Eutaw Springs was fought between the British and American troops or continentals as well as he the said William Lomax can recollect about the 9th of September 1781 [sic, September 8, 1781]. After the battle the Army was regulated and his Captain McRee was promoted to the office of Major and then Elijah Moore was appointed Captain in Captain McRee's place under whom he served the balance of his time in the first North Carolina Regiment as a regular soldier. After that change in his Captain he states he marched to a place by the name of Pond Ponds [sic, Pon Pon River, now known as the South Edisto River] near Charleston and [a] little village

called Dogester [sic, Dorchester] not far from Bacon's Bridge where they were mainly stationed that winter and the greater part of the spring of 1782 but he with the other soldiers was frequently out on scouts in pursuit of the enemy or British troops by day and in the night under the control of our head officers when ever they deemed it necessary. The said William Lomax states that he was not in any regular battle but was in other expeditions under the control and instructions of his officers. In consequence of his fatigue and exposure he has never been a right sound man since. He further states some of the names of the soldiers to wit Stephen Baley in 2nd Regiment, and the other following named persons Regiment not all recollected but the most of whom he believes were in the first Regiment to wit: Joseph Hall, Moses Hooper, John Conn, Richard Lewis, Nicholas Grindstaff, one Puvehouse [?], William Adams, one Allbrook, Martin Penninger, Stofle Boston, Andrew Boston, George Sommers, one McClarney, Jesse Ashlock, and Philip Paul. He states that his tour of 12 months service as he believes expired about the 9th of May 1782 but he was held in service until the 1st June 1782, and from the vicinity of Charleston he marched up to Charlotte, North Carolina and was there released after a service of 12 months & 22 days. He states when the soldiers dispersed in different directions that his discharge was given to another man by the name of Gathro Millteer through a mistake who lived near Halifax North Carolina and the officer told him to take Millteer's discharge so he William Lomax states that he was ignorant without education and in ill health that he could not get his proper discharge (Millteer left the Army with his discharge before he knew it) therefore he states that he never received anything for his services as a regular soldier of the Revolutionary War. He states that he sent Millteer's discharge many years ago to Halifax to get what was due Millteer in the place of himself but never received anything from that time to the present nor the discharge. The said William Lomax states that he is unable to appear in Court by reason of bodily infirmity and has not been in a long time and his residence being from Lexenton [sic, Lexington] where his Court is held about 28 or 30 miles distance which renders it impossible for him to attend the court. He the said William Lomax further states that he has made two applications for a pension before the late Act of Congress but being feeble in health and without information and having heretofore to trust to those who perhaps did not take an interest in making out his case He thinks strange that others have drawn their pension for their services and he being a regular soldier and in indigent circumstances and has not got anything. He states that a letter from Mr. James L. Edwards to Henry Giles (one of his former agents) "represents that his claim was suspended in consequence of want of proof of identity and that his former declaration did not correspond with the rolls." He states that he will now give as fully declaration as his recollection will enable him to do; but wishes to call the Honorable Secretary's attention to the change of his Captain who was in the outset Captain McRee part of the time and then Elijah Moore of which change he did not put in his former declaration. He the said William Lomax states that he will make at this time as strong proof as he possibly can. He states that he returned from his services out of the revolutionary war to Guilford County North Carolina his former residence in the first of the summer of 1782 from whence he volunteered as a regular soldier. He then went into Virginia & then returned to Guilford and there resided some few years and then went to Montgomery County North Carolina and there married and lived some years and then moved to Rowan County North Carolina near Stokes Ferry where he has resided ever since during 27 or 8 years, the County in which he now resides is Davidson by a division of Rowan County. He states that according to his account he is now be seventy years of age the 12th day of January 1834.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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, only on that of this State [of] North Carolina some years ago which was suspended for further proof without his ever drawing one cent.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Lomax, X his mark

Witness:

S/ Jesse Hill, JP

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This day came Martin Penninger⁴ of Cabarrus County North Carolina before me Jesse Hill one of the acting Justices of the County of Davidson and made oath that William Lomax who has made and subscribed and qualified to the foregoing declaration was a regular soldier in the Revolutionary war and served in the first North Carolina Regiment under Colonel Armstrong in Captain McRee's & then in Elijah Moore's company in the years of 1781 & 2 and the said Penninger states that he served with the said Lomax as a regular soldier in the same Regiment during the same tour, both entered the service at one time and both were released at the same time and that he believes the said William Lomax declaration to be correct as far as he can recollect at this time.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ Martin Penninger, X his mark

Test: S/ Jesse Hill, JP

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This day came Stephen Baley late of Montgomery County but now of Davidson County before me Jesse Hill one of the acting Justices of the Peace of Davidson County and made oath that he got acquainted with William Lomax who hath sworn to and subscribed to the foregoing declaration at the High Hills of Santee South Carolina in the first North Carolina Regiment as a regular soldier of the Revolutionary War and that he the said Stephen Baley has been acquainted with the said Lomax ever since and that he was a Soldier and he believes his declaration is true as far as he can recollect. He the said Baley states that Lomax was in the first Regiment of the North Carolina troops and he was in the 2nd at the time of the battle at the Eutaw Springs & after that period.

Sworn to and subscribed.

S/ Stephen Baley, X his mark

Test: S/ Jesse Hill, JP

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State of North Carolina Davidson County } To the War Department Pension Office of the United States & Congress, if necessary.

On this 9th day of September 1834, personally appeared before me, Jesse Hill, one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for said County, William Lomax, a resident of said County who made his proof, &c before me, sometime about the 16th day of January 1834, and who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose to the following facts in order to show to the war Department and the United States and Congress if necessary with greater propriety if possible the justness of his claim of arrears of pension, which he thinks that he is clearly & honestly entitled to receive from the United States, to wit.

He, the said William Lomax, states, that while he was a soldier of the revolution that his toil & fatigue was great, that in consequence of which his constitution was so debilitated & fractured that, from the greater part of that time to the present, he has never been a firmly sound & healthy man notwithstanding he has lived to be an old man and was burdened with a large family. But when the original act, or acts of Congress were passed for the relief of soldiers who

⁴ [Martin Penninger S41951](#)

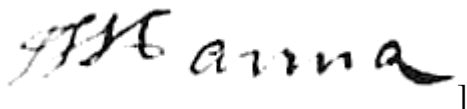
were in his situation he petitioned and laid in his claim as they required, which was suspended for the want of a little more proof; but allowed on conditions according to a letter from the War Department to his then Agent; And in consequence of his ill health, his being an illiterate man and in very indigent circumstances and thinking that all of the old soldiers who served mainly with him were dead, and not having any competent friend whom he could procure to act for him, nor was he able to obtain one until the last winter therefore his pension has been kept from him in consequence of these and other unavoidable circumstances on his part, until his last agent who traveled some distance for him and brought Martin Penninger one of his affiants to his, the said Lomax's residence and there done the balance of his services relative to his claim without any assistance from him the said Lomax; and by his the said Agency and it alone, he the said Lomax states that he was able to fulfill the requisitions of the War Department; and in order to correct one or two errors in his former declaration, he the said Lomax thought from the advice of his agent best to put it down in another declaration, so he thought it would go to establish the former.

S/ William Lomax, X his mark

[p 15: Tabbitha Lomax, 69, widow, files for a pension October 19, 1839, as widow of William; she says her birthday is Nov. 4th according to information from her parents; says her maiden name was Tabbitha Goodin; that she married William at her Father's house December 26 1794 at the age of 24; married by Arthur Harris, Esqr. of Montgomery County, NC; that William died November 6, 1835; that William drew a pension of \$96.00 per annum. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 52: On January 15, 1840 in Davidson County, the widow filed an amendment to her declaration for a pension stating that she was married and 1793, not 1794. She signed this document with her mark.

[p 44: Dr. William Hanna gave testimony on July 17, 1840 in support of the widow's application stating that recorded the date of the birth of his son, John Hanna, on August 11, 1794 and that John Lomax, son of the veteran and his wife was born some short time afterwards in the same year.

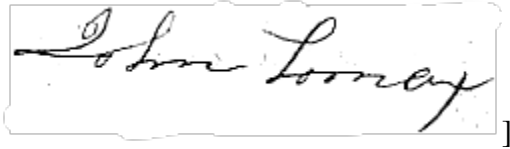
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[p 48: Zachariah Coggan gave testimony on January 15, 1840 in Davidson County North Carolina stating that he was present at the wedding of William Lomax and Tabitha on December 24, 1793. They were married by Arthur Harris a Justice of the peace in Montgomery County; that he Zachariah Coggan was married January 24, 1793 and his 1st child was born on October 19, 1793. He signed his affidavit with his mark. Coggan's wife, Linny Coggan also gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: Tabitha Lomax, 86, filed for her pension as a widow August 7, 1855 in Davidson County, NC; she states she married William Lomas on 26 Dec. 1790 in Montgomery County, NC; married by Arthur Harris, Esqr.; that her maiden name was Tabitha Goodden [Tabitha Gooden?]; that William died Nov. 6, 1835 in Davidson County, NC.; that their oldest child was a son named John. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 27: On February 24, 1843, John Lomax, son of William and Tabitha Lomax, gave an affidavit in support of his Mother's application in which he states he is the oldest of their children; that he

recorded his birth date as November 6, 1794; Amy Lomax was born October 16, 1796; Nancy Lomax was born January 20, 1799; Polly Lomax was born June 19, 1801; William Lomax was born June the 20, 1803; Cornelius Lomax was born March 8, 1806; West Lomax was born May 31, 1809.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lomax". The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box with a slightly irregular border, and a closing bracket "]" is positioned at the bottom right corner of the box.

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that William Lomax a private Soldier in Captain McRee's Company of the tenth Regiment, entered the service on the 9th day of May 1781, for the term of twelve months, and left the Service on the 9th day of May 1782.

Given under my hand this 24th day of April 1852

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 11, 1834. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing the March 4, 1836 [see p 156]. p 155 there is a cover sheet indicating that the veteran was initially pensioned at \$8/ month effective May 18, 1819, but his pension must have been suspended for failure to comply with the requirements of the Act of 1820.]