

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Lucas W5468

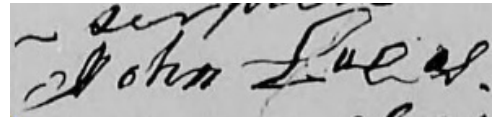
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State of Virginia; Montgomery County Sct

On this 8th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid John Lucass a resident of said county and State aforesaid aged Eighty three years on the fifteenth day of July last past, who being first duly sworn for that purpose according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832; That he engaged in the service of the United States as a Captain of Militia of Virginia in the regiment commanded by Colo. William Preston, and Lieutenant Colonel Walter Crockett about the year 1780 in the then county of West Augusta, afterwards Fincastle and now Montgomery and continued in the service six months or more; that he was called into service at three different periods under the same officers above named. That he was himself a Captain and discharged his duty as such, and resigned at the conclusion of the war, and delivered his commission to Colo. William Preston. He resided in the county of Montgomery and state of Virginia at the time of his service and has always resided since that time in the said county. He went to the state of North Carolina as a Captain under Lieutenant Colonel Walter Crockett, and was engaged in transporting a large number of British officers and Soldiers and Tories from South Carolina to the Town of Salem or the Moravian Town in North Carolina. he marched through North Carolina to South Carolina and returned again to Salem, and from there to Montgomery. General William Campbell commanded the expedition, and Isaac Capmbell [sic: Isaac Campbell] was also a Captain of Cavalry. He was engaged frequently against the former[?] in the county of Montgomery, and under the command of Colo. William Preston surprised and took a party of tories commanded by Capt. [John] McDonald and was retained to guard them after their surprise and surrender.

John Lucass

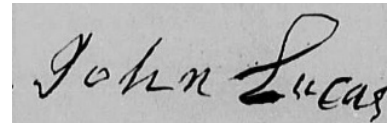
He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agent in any state whatsoever. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Lucas". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

State of Virginia Montgomery county towit.

On this 5th day of march 1834 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said county, John Lucas of the county and state aforesaid, who made the following declaration by way of amendment or explanation to his declaration made before the Court of Montgomery county in the state aforesaid on the 8th day of August 1832, and after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed 7th June 1832. That in the year 1778 in the month of November about the 8th day of that month, he entered the service of the united states as a Captain under the command of Colo. Wm Preston, and Lieutenant Colo. Walter Crockett in the then county of Fincastle now Montgomery, and served as hereinafter stated. He entered the service of the united States as above stated and under the above named officers, and was marched to the Lead mines [at Fort Chiswell, now] in the county of Wythe from thence to North Carolina, to a place called Little Richmond where he joined Gen'l. Campbell's regiment, we then marched to the south where we took a large number of British officers soldiers and Tories, we then guarded them into North Carolina to a place called the Moravin Town or Salem, we were detained there as guards to guard the said British officers and soldiers a considerable length of time but cannot say how long. we were then marched back

into the county of Montgomery then Fincastle, in the state of Virginia, where we were employed in subduing the Tories which were numerous, we had some little skirmishes with them and ultimately succeeded in disarming them, we were still kept in service and continued to serve, and were marched from place to place the names of which he cannot now remember, and were forted for some time, until the expiration of the war at which time, after having served as before stated under the same officers, he surrendered up his commission to Colo. Preston, and resigned his said office of Captain; He entered the service by order of Colo. Preston as a captain aforesaid he never was under any engagement but the one which lasted to the termination of the war, he cannot say certainly whether he was acquainted with any of the Regular officers in command or not, if he was he cannot now call their names. His services were principally in defending the Frontiers of this state against the Indians and the Tories, which were at that time very numerous and troublesome; He would further state, that at the time of making his declaration in the court of said county, he was unable from old age and loss of memory, to state his services particularly, but since that time, he has been able to lay his hands upon a memorandum which he made of the time he entered the service, which has refreshed his memory. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is on the Pension rol of the agency of Virginia as a Pensioner, but believing as he does that he is not drawing as much as he was entitled to as a Captain he has been induced to make this amended declaration.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lucas".

NOTES:

On 28 Jan 1833 Christian Snidow (pension application S17112) and Parker Lucas (S8868) certified John Lucas's service.

In Montgomery County VA on 6 May 1839 Mary Lucas, age 81 on the previous 1 Jan, applied for a pension as the widow of John Lucas, whom she married on 15 Feb 1777, and who died on 19 April 1836. The file includes two elaborately decorated pages transcribed below, certified by Wilson Lucass (as he signed, age 49 on 6 Nov 1843), as being from the family record of his father, John Lucas. On 27 April 1843 Wilson Lucas stated that Mary Lucas had died. On 4 Feb 1852 Wilson Lucas of Montgomery County applied for an increase in the pension of his deceased father, John Lucas. A document on that date lists the surviving children as follows: Samuel Lucas; Wilson Lucas; Susan Peterman, widow; and Theodicia Weaver, wife of Lewis Weaver.

John Lucas & Mary his Wife were married February ye 15th 1777

Samuel the Son of John and Mary Lucas, was born May ye 29th 1777