

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Livingston, W8050

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading. A bracketed question mark [?] indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Not all the material in the Pension File is included in the transcription.]

State of Alabama, Morgan County, Orphans Court Special Term

On this twenty second day of November 1832 personally in open Court before the judge of said orphan's Court now sitting Samuel Livingston a resident of said County of Morgan State of Alabama aged seventy four years who having first duly sworn according to the 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. To wit he entered the service under Colonel Cristy & Captain Isaac Bledsoe & Lieutenant Peter Livingston who had the Command of the volunteers who were then in Washington County Virginia he entered service in the fall of 1776 and left the service in about two months and during this term we had no general engagements and he entered the service again in the month of March 1778 [The copy I received from the National Archives seems to read 1788 but this would be six years after the war ended. rer] under the Command of Col. Shelby and Captain Abram Bledsoe Same Lieutenant and Ensign not recollected and was out about two months and in both Tours we were engaged in guarding the Frontiers of Virginia and marched Chiefly in said state and he served again three months under Captain John Montgomery as a Guard(?) to Kentucky and served a tour of three months commencing about the fall of 1781 all of which service done a volunteer he served with no regular [Line Regiments?]. He knows of no person by whom he can prove his service that he has no documentary evidence of his discharge. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension an[d] annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Question: where and what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in King & Queen County Virginia in the year fifty seven [1757]

Ques: have you any record of your age?

I have no record of my age

I have answered the third interrogatory in my declaration as to where I lived when called into service. I have lived in Washington (?) County in North Carolina now Tennessee and from there to Madison County Alabama and from there to Morgan County.

I have answered the 4th Interrogatory [How were you called into ser-vice; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?]

I have answered the 5th Interrogatory [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 service.]

6th Interrogatory: Did you receive a discharge from the service and what has become [of it?] I did receive a discharge. The print(?) was given by Col. Cristy then (?) signed by Col, Shelby both of which I have lost.

My neighbors James (?) Edens a Clergyman and Col. Durry (?) Stovall can testify as to my character...and as my having been a soldier of the Revolution. [The last two lines of handwriting are difficult to decipher because of the poor quality of the copy and the fact a small piece at the bottom corner of the original document seems to have been torn off.]

Samuel Livingston [his mark]

M. McKinsie, Clk

Amended Declaration of Samuel Livingston in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of the Congress passed June seventh 1832

State of Alabama, Morgan County

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Orphans [sic Orphans] Court of said County of Morgan County aforesaid now sitting, Samuel Livingston a resident of said County of Morgan aforesaid who having first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following amendments to his original declaration filed in the Orphans Court of Morgan County aforesaid on the 2 day of November 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 he states that he entered the service the first tour of duty mentioned in his original Declaration under the command of Colonel Cristy and Captain Isaac Bledsoe the first of November 1776 and served as then stated two months being the first of January 1777 when he left the service he received no discharge. He entered the service again on a second tour of duty under the command of Col Shelby and Abraham Bledsoe on the 15th of March 1778 and was dismissed from the service the last day of April 1778 and he served a third tour under Captain John Montgomery he entered the service the 25th of August 1781 and continued in service three months to 25th November 1781 all of which service was done as a volunteer he served these three campaigns he served altogether six months and fifteen days for which he claims a pension he cannot prove his service by any living witness. Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Samuel Livingston (his mark)

Phoebe Livingston Application for Widows' Pension

State of Alabama, Morgan County, County Court in [vacation] of Morgan County the fourteenth day of September One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty five-in open Court Phebe [sic, Phoebe, so spelled throughout] Livingston [maiden name Phoebe Head] before Edwin R. Wallace Judge of said Court and made oath in due form of Law that she is the widow of the Identical Samuel Livingston named in an original certificate in her possession of which the said Court certify the following is a true copy.

War department Revolutionary Claim.

I Certify that in conformity with the Law of the United States of the 7th June 1832 Samuel Livingston of the State of Alabama who was a private in the Army of the Revolution is entitled to receive twenty one dollars and Sixty seven cents per annum during his natural life commencing on the fourth of March 1831 and payable Semiannually on the fourth of March and fourth of September in every year. Given at the War office of the United States this Second day of July One Thousand Eight hundred and thirty three (signed) John Robb acting Secretary of War. Examined and countersigned J. L. Edwards Commissioner of pensions –

That he was entitled to a pension of twenty one dollars & Sixty seven cents per annum on account of services in the revolutionary war that he served under Capt. Isaac Bledsoe and Col. Christian and that he lived in the county of Morgan at the time of his death and had resided in the State of Alabama for the space of twenty four years previous to his death and previous thereto he resided in the State of Virginia and Tennessee

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 14th day of September 1835

Phebe Livingston (her mark)

E. R. Wallace

State of Alabama Morgan County SS

On this twenty first day of August in the year One thousand Eight hundred and forty three personally appeared before the Judge of the Orphans Court of Morgan County State of Alabama Phebe Livingston a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows & that she is the Widow of Samuel Livingston who was a private in the army of the revolution and that said Samuel Livingston was a pensioner as will more fully appear reference being had to the names of those who are enrolled on the pension list.

She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Livingston on the Seventh day of September 1781. That her husband the aforesaid Samuel Livingston died on the 6th day of October in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty four that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four—that is to say at the time above stated
Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written,

Phebe Livingston (her mark)

before me, Horatio Phiessott(?) Judge of the orphans court of Morgan County State of Alabama

Samuel Livingston and his wife, Phoebe Livingston *née* Head, are buried in the Enon Baptist Church Cemetery near Hatton in Lawrence County, Alabama.