

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Adam Lugar W8066      Margaret Lugar      NC  
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State of Va. Giles County To Wit

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1834 personally appeared before Robert M. Hutchinson a Justice of the peace for said County Adam Lugar a resident for the last 40 years of said county [formed from Montgomery County in 1806] and state aged 96 years the first of last March 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 7, 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in Frankfurt in Germany and left home when he was 33 years old and first enlisted in the town of Lancaster in Pennsylvania under a French man whose name he has forgotten for the term of 18 months. he recollects that he was a Major though, Celroe or Selroe [probably Chevalier Jacques de Segon de Sederon] was the first Captain that he recollects who marched him from Lancaster to Baltimore. Boser or Posher [sic: Baron de Boze] was our Col. [Kazimierz] Pulaski was our General [see endnote]. from Baltimore we were marched to Philadelphia. from thence to Elizabethtown [Elizabeth NJ] and from thence to New-Kirby [see endnote] at which place we had an engagement with the British in which our Col Bosler or Posler was killed and Fry made Col. at this place we drove the Yagers [sic: Jägers: German for hunters or riflemen] and British over a Bridge which they tore up and stoped our march. several of the enemy were wounded. from New-Kirby we were marched to Minising [Minisink in the upper Delaware River Valley] where we staid during the winter in quarters. from thence in the Spring [1779] we were marched to Charleston S. Carolina 11 hundred miles, and went down Cooper River he recollects. at Charleston he remained 3 months defending it from the enemy. at which place he had an engagement with the British [skirmish at Old Race Track, 11 May 1779] who took nearly all of us Prisoners. this applicant having been sent with others in all 44 about a mile from town to reconnoiter in this encounter Col. Cowatch [Michael de Kowatch] of the light hors was killed. Pulaski was still our General and Celroe or Selroe our Capt. at Charleston he received his discharge. which was lost with his chest during the War. He cannot recollect the year he enlisted. He recollects though that the British occupied New York [after 15 Sep 1776] under whom he enlisted in Germany and from whom he deserted about 4 weeks after he reached New York. He cannot recollect the year He left the Army. This applicant belonged to the Light Infantry under Pulaskie. He afterwards served under Capt. ONeal [Peter O'Neal, Guilford County NC Militia] and Capt. Devoe for the term of 6 months. [Griffith] Rutherford was our General and his son [John Rutherford] Major. the Col. name he cannot recollect. this was in the militia service in North Carolina he was marched from 3 miles below Salsbury [sic: Salisbury] to the Great Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] where he remained some time at Big Lances Creek [probably Lynches River] when the British were too strong for us though we had 9 man to one [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780; see endnote]. soon after which we were discharged. This applicant can [not?; page torn] recollect the day year or month in which he served at any time. Gen. Pulaskie gave us a warrant or writing for 300 acres of land which he never got, it having been taken with his discharge. he was not in the Army when Gen'l. Pulaskie was killed [mortally wounded at Savannah, 9 Oct 1779]. It was to have been located in Kentucky or Tennessee on Green River.

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. This applicant has no evidence of his service unless his name is found on the Rolls in the Department.

State of Virginia

Giles County to Wit

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1835 personally appeared before me William H Snidow one of the Commonwealths justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Adam Lugar a resident of said County aged 98 years and being duly Sworn doth upon his oath make the following statement of facts in addition to his declaration heretofore made on the [blank] day of [blank] 1834 in order to obtain a pension under the law of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. In the aforesaid declaration the applicant stated that he enlisted in Count Pulaski's Legion for eighteen months, and such is yet his recollection at least he thinks he understood it to be for that time but it may have been for only one year. he asserts that he did enlist & served out his time whether it was for eighteen months or one year he is not certain, but as his recollection serves him can only say as before that he understood it to be for eighteen months. The applicant is a very old and infirm man & has not been able to leave the neighbourhood in which he lives for some years, & the reason he did not apply before for a pension was that, he was wholly ignorant of any law which entitled him to one, until a short time before he made his aforesaid declaration when he was informed by several Gentleman & among others William H Snidow Esq of the law of Congress of June 1832 whereupon he made his declaration which has been forwarded to the War Department. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written. Adam hisXmark Lugar

[Capitalization partly corrected]

N Carolina orange County} august 24<sup>th</sup> 1835

This day appeared Before Me William Montgomery an acting Justice of the peace for said County, Nathan Albright of the County of guilford, and after Being Sworn on the Law [illegible word], Deposeth and Sayeth, that He New a man named Adam Luger a German dureing the war of the Revolution that He Resided In His Neighbourhood, and soon after gateses defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden], at Martinsville guilford C. H. [now in Greensboro] when he was rendevoused to march out, he Albright met with Capt. Peter Oneal who was returning from the defeat, say that he (ONeal) had stood and fought with Adam Lugar and one other man until all those around him and them were gone, He always understood that Lugar was in Gateses Defeat, and belives that said Lugar was a Soldier and served during some part of the war [signed illegibly]

Also appeared before me at the same time and place Barney Clapp and made oath according to Law that he new Adam Lugar, dureing the War of the Revolution, that he resided a part of his time at his fathers house, in Guilford County, that he Lugar aided greatly in guarding his setion of country against the Tories, that said Lugar hireed as a substitute and went of to the army, (he thinks under Capt Peter ONeal) and after his return he said that he was in the Battle of Gateses Defeat, and that him and Capt Peter ONeal stood until all the others left the ground He deponant, sayeth that he thinks said Lugar was out dureing one other campaign. It was always understood in the neighbourhood that Lugar was in Gateses Defeat, and that he was a soldier in the War of the Revolution  
August 24<sup>th</sup> 1835. Barney hisbamark Clapp

Giles County towit

This day Colo. Christian Snidow [pension application S17112] personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law. That he had been acquainted with Adam Lugar who is making application for a Pension for about Forty five years, during all of which time the said Adam Lugar has had the character of an honest respectable man, and this affiant further states that he thinks that full faith and credit ought to be given to the said Lugar's statements. Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1835  
William H Snidow J.P.

NOTES:

On 28 March 1778 Congress authorized Pulaski to raise a Legion, and he recruited heavily among British and Hessian deserters. Lugar was evidently one of these Hessians.

I could not identify New-Kirby, but the action described by Lugar was probably the attack on Pulaski's infantry at Little Egg Harbor NJ, usually said to have occurred on 5 Oct 1778.

Patrick O'Kelley in *Nothing But Blood and Slaughter* Vol. 2 estimated that at the Battle of Camden the American forces numbered 4100 against 2239 British.

Adam Lugar's pension was for 15 months of service.

The file contains the following letter:

State of North Carolina Orange County Sept'er 6<sup>th</sup> 1835

Dear brother in law I now take the present opportunity to write you a few lines informing you that I Received your letter Requesting the Information that I could send you I here send you the same as near as I can by Affidavit And I also wish that you would send me a letter after you ascertain what your pension is or whether your testimony Rece'd is sufficient or not no more at present but that we are all well and hoping these few lines may find you & all in the same Blessing I remain your humble Brother until Death  
[signed] Barney Clapp

On 4 Feb 1840 Margaret Lugar, about 84 years old, applied for a pension stating that she married Adam Lugar in 1777, and he died 9 March 1837. Her application was supported by Adam Lugar, their "youngest child with the exception of one," who stated that the oldest child, then living in Indiana, had been born before their father rendered his last service.

On 8 Jan 1841 Christian Smith, 79, of Giles County, stated that while living in Guilford County NC he became acquainted with Adam Lugar, Sr, who married Margaret Clapp around 1777. On 9 Feb 1841 Barna (Barney) Clapp of Orange County NC stated that his sister married Adam Lugar in Orange County in 1777 or 1778. On 24 May 1841 Jacob Smith of Montgomery County VA, who was born in Guilford County in 1764, stated that he had been a school mate of Margaret Clapp until March 1777, that she married Adam Lugar "very soon after," and that they settled in Montgomery County in 1783 four or five years after their marriage. Smith stated that he moved to the same neighborhood two or three years afterward.

It seems unlikely that the marriage occurred in 1777 while Lugar was still a soldier in the North. It appears more likely the marriage occurred in 1779 or 1780.

On 24 June 1843 Margaret Lugar was said to be about 86. On 6 Dec 1843 she was still said to be about 86 and living on Sinking Creek.

A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of Margaret Lugar received the final pension payment up to 22 Feb 1844, the date of her death.