

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Lusk W8092

Elizabeth

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State of Mississippi Amite County: On this the 20th day of December in the year 1850 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Elizabeth Lusk (whose maiden name was Elizabeth Whiteside) aged eighty-six years on the 13th day of November last a resident of the State and County aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Samuel Lusk deceased who was a private in a company commanded by Captain William Davidson's Company Charles McDowell Colonel on an expedition to the Cherokee nation in the year 1776 that he also served as a private in Captain Samuel Woods Company John McDowell Colonel in an expedition against Colonel Ferguson in the year 1782<sup>1</sup>. That he also served a tour under Thomas Kennedy Captain Charles McDowell Colonel in the lower part of the State in the year 1782. That he also served a Tour under Captain Samuel Woods Charles McDowell Colonel in the year 1782 and that he served a Tour under Captain McDowell Charles McDowell B. General and an expedition against the Cherokees in the year 1784. In the War with Great Britain that grew out of the Declaration of Independence declared by the United States on the 4th day of July in the year 1776 as will be seen by the certificates of discharges here with presented. She further states that she was married to the said Samuel Lusk in April in the year 1784 by one James Whitesides a Justice of the Peace in County of huatherford [? Rutherford or Hertford?] in the State of North Carolina and that he [her] name before her said marriage was Elizabeth Whitesides that her said husband died in Amite County State of Mississippi on the 14th day of August in the year 1825 and that she is still a widow -- She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension to which she may be entitled under the Acts passed in July 7th 1838 (pension commencing on the 4th of March 1836) 3rd of March 1843 -- 17 June 1844 and 2 February 1848.

S/ Elizabeth Lusk, X her mark

attest

S/ Daniel Wilson

State of Mississippi Amite County: On this the 20th day of December in the year 1850 Davis Lusk and Joseph Lusk sons of the said Samuel Lusk and Elizabeth Lusk who after being duly sworn according to law saith that the said Davis is sixty-three years old and the said Joseph is

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<sup>1</sup> See the discharge below—Samuel Woods states in that discharge that the tour of duty Lusk served in against Ferguson was in the year "Eighty." This is clearly a reference to the campaign which culminated in the battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780 in which both Samuel Lusk and Samuel woods were participants.

fifty-three years old as appears from the record in the Family Bible that their said Father Samuel Lusk and their Mother Elizabeth Lusk lived together as Husband and wife from their earliest recollection up to the death of their said Father Samuel Lusk in the year 1825 and that there is no public or Family Record of their marriage now [indecipherable word] that they know of.

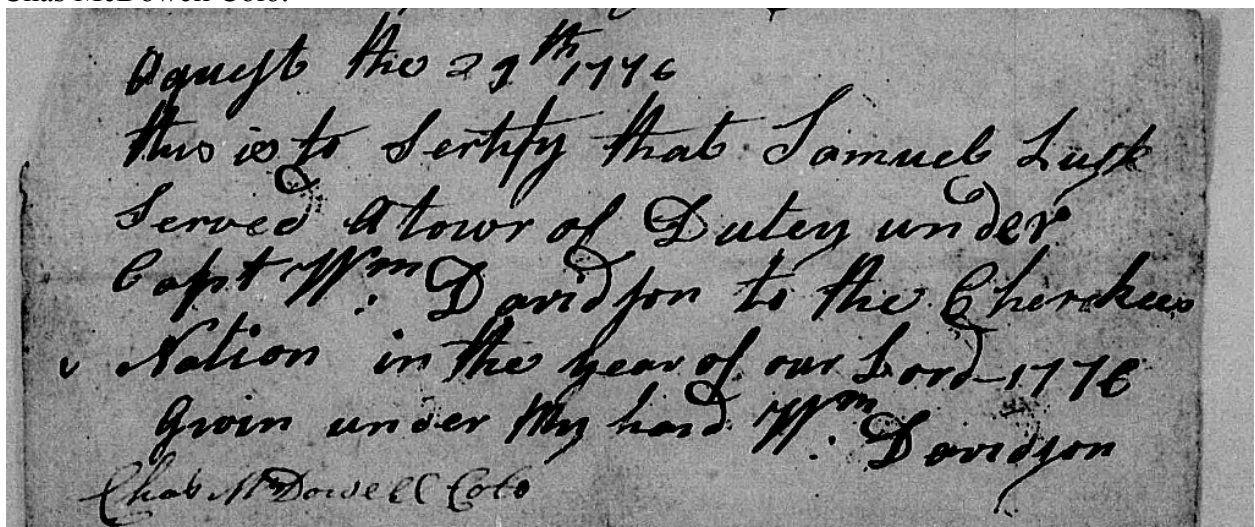
S/Davis Lusk  
S/ Joseph Lusk

[fn p. 5: family record]

Elisabeth Lusk was born ye 30 day of March in the year while Lord 1739  
William Lusk was born November ye 25th day in the year while Lord 1740  
John Lusk was born the 15 day of February in the year of our Lord 1743  
Mary Lusk was born the 7th day of March in the year of our Lord 1745  
Martha Lusk was born the 23 of April in the year of our Lord 1747  
Samuel Lusk was born April the 9th in the year of our Lord 1750  
Elisabeth Whiteside born the 30 day of November in the year of our Lord 1763  
John Houston Lusk was born the 5 day of April in the year of our Lord 1785  
Davis Lusk was born the 3 day of April in the year of our Lord 1787  
Amos Lusk was born April 3rd 1789  
Sarah Lusk was born July 9th 1795  
Joseph Lusk was born January 13 1798  
Thughak Lusk was born the 17th of July in the year while Lord \_\_  
Harper Buchanan Steele was born December 24th 1812  
Mary Caroline Steele was born October the 6th in the year of our Lord 1843

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Aguest the 29<sup>th</sup> 1776  
this is to Sertify that Samuel Lusk  
Served a towr of Dutey under  
Capt Wm Davidson to the Cherokees  
Nation in the year of our Lord 1776  
Givin under My hard  
S/ Wm Davidson  
Chas McDowell Colo.



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Chas McDowell Colo

[fn p. 28: appears to be another discharge but is too faint to make anything but a few words]

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ber the 18 1784

[??] May Sertify that Mr. Samuel Lusk  
Served a Lawful Tower of Duity in my  
my on an Expedition against Chericeax in the  
Eighty two Cartified pr me  
as McDowell B. Genl. S/ John McDowell, Capt.

ber the 18. 1784  
He May Sertify that Mr. Samuel Lusk  
Served a Lawful Tower of Duity in my  
my on an Expedition against Chericeax in the  
Eighty two Cartified pr me  
John McDowell  
John M. McDowell Capt

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July the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1783

These May Sertify that Mr. Samuel  
Lusk hath Served a Lawful Tower of  
Duity in my Company on an Expedition  
Against Col Forgason in the year Eighty  
Cert per me S/ Samuel Woods, Capt  
John McDowell Colo

July the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1783  
These May Sertify that Mr. Samuel  
Lusk hath Served a Lawful Tower of  
Duity in my Company on an Expedition  
Against Col. Forgason in the year Eighty  
Cert per me  
John McDowell Colo Samuel Woods Capt

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This May Cartify that Samuel Lusk  
Has Sarved A Lawfull Tower of  
Duty under My Command in the  
lower parts of this State Cortified  
By Me this 30 Day of May 1782

Chas. McDowell, Colo. S. Thos. Kennedy, Capt.

This May Cartify that Samuel Lusk  
Has Sarved A Lawfull Tower of  
Duty under My Command in the  
lower parts of this State Cortified  
By Me this 30 Day of May 1782

Chas. McDowell Colo

S. Thos. Kennedy Capt

[fn p. 49: very faint document]

State of Mississippi Amite County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for the State and County aforesaid Elizabeth Lusk who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Samuel Lusk Deceased who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and as her said husband (although he was in the Battle at Kings Mountain and perhaps others) was not wounded she did not know that she was entitled to a Pension until a short time before she sent her declaration to the Pension office And that she became aware that she was entitled to the said Pension in the following manner. A Mr. Gunter that married one of her granddaughters knowing that she had the discharges of her said husband told her that perhaps she was entitled to a pension and if she would let him take the discharges to a lawyer he would do so she let him have them and he told her he took them to R. M. Neilson and that said Neilson said they entitled her to a pension that she immediately employed said Neilson to attend to the business for her and the only explanation or reason that she can give for having so long foreborn to assert her claim is that she was entirely ignorant of the existence of it until the last year, 1850 She also says (for the purpose of satisfying you fully upon the subject that many years ago a man by the name of William Flannigan came to her house and was detained on account of the rise in the Homochitto River (the stream on which she now resides) that her said husband was speaking of the Battle of King's Mountain and stated that when he rushed to the baggage wagons to drive the British from them there was one [man] that left very reluctantly and went off in a walk while all or many of his comrades ran -- that her said Husband said he thought that he would make him move down [? word might be "slower"] and he took deliberate aim at his head and at the crack of the gun a handkerchief that was tied round his head fell off but he moved off faster. Flannigan

said that he was the man that had sworn in the morning that he would not run that day but that when the ball cut the knot of his handkerchief that was around his head he walked very fast. His disclosure destroyed the friendship between him and her said Husband and her said Husband drove him off or gave him to understand that he did not want him about him. She also states that she was sorry for it was said Flannigan was assisting her in making some slays that she could not well make without his aid but her said husband said he would not bear to have a Tory about him. She makes this statement to show you that she is not deceived in her statement that he was in the Battle of King's Mountain.

Attest

S/ Elizabeth Lusk, X her mark

S/ Readick Sojourner

S/ Davis Lusk

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 6th day of June A.D. 1851

S/ R. M. Neilson, JP

State of Mississippi Amite County: Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace within and for the State and County aforesaid Elizabeth Lusk who after being duly sworn according to law declares that she has no Family record of her marriage with Samuel Lusk deceased But that her said husband had at the time of her marriage a Bible in which the births of their children were recorded which from its title page was printed in Edinburgh by his Majesty's Printer Adrian Walker in the year 1752 and that the ages of old births of her children is as follows (as she still has the Bible and the births of her children as aforesaid are taken from it) viz. John Huston Lusk was born on the 5th day of April in the year 1785, Davis Lusk was born on the 3rd day of April in the year 1787, Amos Lusk was born on the 30 day of April A.D. 1789, Sarah Lusk was born on the 9th of July 1795, Joseph Lusk was born on the 13th of January 1789, Hughah Lusk was born on the 17th day of July A.D. 1802 that her marriage with her said Husband Samuel Lusk cannot be found in said Bible and if it ever was entered their it has been torn out or obliterated.

S/ Elizabeth Lusk, X her mark

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]