

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Townsend<sup>1</sup> W8790 Lusian (Lucy Ann) f32VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 12/21/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[f p. 19]

South Carolina

William Townsend resident in Union District in the State of South Carolina personally came before me and being duly sworn Declareth, That he enlisted as well as he recollects in the winter of 1779 as a common Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the service of the United States for the term of the war, and was detailed to fill up a vacancy in the first Regiment of Artillery of the Virginia Continental line commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison, that Capt. Fin commanded the company to which he belonged for a short period but being wounded at the Eutaw Springs [September eight, 1781] in South Carolina he was succeeded by Captain Booker who continued to command the said Company during the Deponent's Term of service, – the Declarer further saith that he continued in the said service until after the declaration of peace and was regularly dismissed at Richmond in Virginia whither he had been ordered as part of a baggage guard. The Declarer further saith that upon his first joining the Army himself and a company of Infantry were stationed for some time at Winchester Virginia under the command of Lieutenant Perdinger and upon his being detailed for the Artillery he was marched to the southward and joined the Army of General Green [Nathanael Greene] at Ashley Hill South Carolina and remained with the Army till the end of the War.

The declarer further saith that he is a native of the United States and has always been before & still resides therein and from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

In Sworn & subscribed

16th of March 1819

S/ David Johnson

S/ William Townsend, X his mark

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State of South Carolina

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act entitled "An act for the relief of Certain Surviving officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th day of May 1828 –

I William Townsend of the District of Captain union & State of South Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Virginia Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its Service until its Termination at which period I was a private in Captain Fins Company in the first Regiment of Artillery in the Virginia Continental line, and

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt2116-100

remained under General Green [Nathanael Greene] at the time the British evacuated Charleston and I also declare that I never received a Certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of May 1828 on the pension list of the United States – That my discharge was left in Virginia but have furnished the War Office with Testimony to procure a certificate which I herewith transmit. Captain Finn whom I first served under was wounded at the Battle of Eutaws [Eutaw Springs September eight, 1781] and sent home on half pay and I then served out the remainder of the war under Captain Bawker [sic?].

Witness my hand this night day of July in the year 1828.

S/ William Townsend, X his mark

S/ Saml. Davis, JP

[f p. 7: Power of attorney dated November 20, 1834 signed by the heirs of William Townsend seeking the bounty land due him as a Continental soldier. Attached to the power of attorney is a finding by the clerk of the Union District SC court certifying that Lucy Ann Townsend, widow of William Townsend, Gideon Steen in right of his wife Naomi Steen, Benjamin Gregory in right of his wife Lucy Ann Gregory, Nathan Hawkins in her right of his wife Jane Hawkins, Solomon Edwards in right of his wife Kathryn Edwards, Elisha Eubanks Guardian for Henry Eubanks, Nancy Eubanks, Isaac Eubanks, John Eubanks, and Letty Eubanks the lawful issue of Elizabeth Eubanks & Lewis Fant Guardian for John A. Fant the lawful issue of Nancy Fant, all residents of Union District South Carolina all the heirs at law of William Townsend a private of artillery in the Virginia Continental line.



The image shows a list of handwritten signatures, each followed by a circular stamp containing the word "Seal". The signatures are: Lucy Ann Townsend (with "her mark" written above), Gideon Steen (with "his mark" written above), Naomi Steen (with "her mark" written above), Benjamin Gregory (with "his mark" written above), Lucy Ann Gregory (with "her mark" written above), Nathan Hawkins (with "his mark" written above), Isaac Eubanks (with "his mark" written above), Solomon Edwards (with "his mark" written above), Elisha Eubanks (with "his mark" written above), and Lewis Fant (with "his mark" written above).

[f p. 22: On November 23, 1839 in Union District South Carolina, Lusian Townsend, 80, a resident of Tinker Creek in Captain union district South Carolina filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Townsend who was a matross in the Continental line and a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him January six, 1790; that her husband died December seventh, 1831. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 4: undated certificate signed by Charles Sims certifying that he married William Townsend to Leusean Parlo [?] of the sixth day of January 1790. f. p. 23: Joseph McJunkin<sup>2</sup> verified the handwriting of Charles Sims on the certificate of the marriage of Lusian Parlo to William Townsend.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing March 16, 1819, for service as a private for three years in the Virginia Continental artillery. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#) and

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Addendum to William Townsend W8790

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 8 April 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Richmond July 14<sup>th</sup> 1783

The bearer hereof Wm Townsend Mattross in Colo Charles Harrison's Reg't of Artillery enlisted the 12<sup>th</sup> of Febuary 1780 and has continued in Service untill this date he being engaged for the war, and rec'd in part of his pay Two thousand four hundred and fifty Dollars, paid him in Aug't 1781

Stephen Southall [BLWt2082-200]

Artillery

A Copy J. Pendleton jr