

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elias Lovelace W9143

Anne Lovelace

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State of Kentucky McCracken County} Sct

On this 11th day of May 1833 personally appeared before me James Ashley -- an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Elias Lovelace a resident of the said County of McCracken and State aforesaid aged Seventy eight years 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Said Elias Lovelace will first state that he was born January the 27th 1755 in Frederick County State of Maryland in which County he was raised. He states that he has now in his possession a record of his age which was many years since taken from his father's record of his children's ages in his family Bible from which record it appears that he was born on the day and year above stated.

He states that when he was about twenty years old he removed to and settled in Rowan County North Carolina in which County he continued to reside until after the close of the Revolutionary War. He states that in the month of May 1776 he entered the service as a volunteer in a company of Indian Spies for the term of three months under Captain Samuel Reed [Samuel Reid] of Rowan County North Carolina who belonged to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] under whom this applicant and his Company marched to the frontier on the Catawby River [Catawba River] where they joined General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] who commanded about three thousand men. He states that he continued in service on the head waters of the Catawby River & under the above named officers until the expiration of his tour of three months during which time he ranged the country round and watched the movements of the Indians occasionally remaining some days at a time at Fort Rutherford on the head of Catawby River built by General Rutherford; After the expiration of his tour of three months he received a discharge signed by General Rutherford and returned home. He states this discharge has long since been lost.

In the month of April in the year 1779 he again entered the service as a volunteer for the term of five months under Captain Jacob Nicholas [Jacob Nichols] Colonel Locke and General Rutherford. He states that after meeting at Salisbury Court House they were ordered on to Savannah. That shortly after this General Rutherford having to go against the Tories General Matthew Locke took the command and this applicant's Captain Nicholas was promoted to the rank of Colonel after which time this applicant served under Captain Grayham [sic, probably

Capt. John Graham] for the remainder of the Tour. He states that he marched under the said Officers to Savannah at which place the British had previously arrived. He states that the British were on the opposite side of the River in the Town of Savannah and some interchange of shot and bombs took place between the troops across the River.¹ He states that he remained in the neighborhood of Savannah till he served out his full time of five months when he received a discharge from & signed by Colonel Nicholas after which he returned home to Rowan County.

About the month of January 1781 he again volunteered for five months under Captain Reed and joined the Army under Colonel Locke and General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] at Beatties Ford on the Catawba River at which place not long after they were attacked by the British and defeated after a considerable battle in which General Davidson was killed.² He states that the Army fled and met again at Torren's Tavern³ at which place they got some refreshment and then proceeded on towards Guilford and on the way thither General Rutherford took command. He states that he remained in service till after the expiration of his term of five months during which time he can relate nothing important of his services after the Battle above spoken of. He states that he received a discharge (after serving said five months) signed by General Rutherford -- which discharge has long since been lost like all his other discharges. Thus served he ten months against the British and three months against the Indians making in all thirteen months for which he never received any pay except some Continental paper money which died on his hands and some of which he has yet in his possession. He states that after his last named tour of service he was drafted to go against the British but hired a substitute to serve in his stead & did not serve in person for which he is advised that he is not entitled to receive any pension and therefore only claims for his thirteen months service as above stated. He states that he resided in Rowan County to the year 1798 when he moved to Butler County Kentucky where he resided till Seven years ago when he moved to McCracken County where he has ever since lived.

He states that by reason of old age & infirmity his mind and memory are very much impaired & he finds it impossible to recollect all the particulars of his service. He states that for many years he has been in a manner helpless being wholly unable to get on his feet without assistance and much subjected to pain so that he is almost worn out mentally and bodily. He has no documentary evidence of his services nor any evidence to him known better than he here addresses but his neighbors to wit John Hardin, Peter Mahan, Samuel Mahan, Israel Linn, William Linn, Benjamin Kimmel, Walter Adams and others all are well acquainted with him will bear ample testimony as to his character for veracity & as to his having been from reputation a Revolutionary Soldier. He states that no clergyman lives near him whose testimony could be procure as required by the War Department.

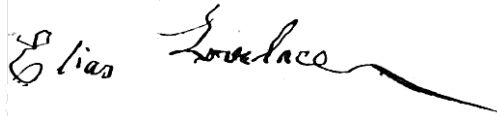
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above stated before me Justice as aforesaid
S/ James Ashley, JP

S/ Elias Lovelace

¹ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

² General William Lee Davidson died January one, 1781 at the battle of Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River. https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

³ The name of this location varies to include the following spellings: Torrent's, Torrant's, Torrence's, Tarrence's, Tarrent's, etc., and often refers to either the Widow Tarrant's [etc] or/and to Tarrant's Lane. https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_tarrants_tavern.html



I Walter Adams⁴ aged seventy eight years and now a resident in Graves County Kentucky certify that I moved to Rowan County North Carolina during the war of the Revolution. That I was drafted for five months to go against the British at Savannah and served in the same company with Elias Lovelace who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration under Captain Nicholas & Capt Grayham. That I afterwards volunteered and served five months in the same company with said Elias Lovelace under Captain Reed during which tour said Lovelace & myself were both in the Battle where General Davidson was killed at Beatties Ford on the Catawby River. That I know that said Lovelace faithfully served the whole of the above named tours of service & that his foregoing statements in relation thereto are true. I also believe that said Lovelace served as he states for three months under Capt. Reed against the Indians in 1776 and that he was reputed to have so serve whilst living in North Carolina & is also reputed to have so serve where he now resides. But I do not know of my own knowledge that he served this tour but believes he did.

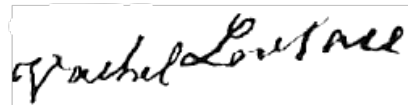
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above named before me Justice as aforesaid
S/ James Ashley, JP

S/ Walter Adams



I Vachel Lovelace⁵ a resident of Graves County Kentucky aged seventy five years & being brother to the above named Elias Lovelace certify that I lived in resided in Rowan County North Carolina during the Revolutionary War & that I know that said Elias Lovelace was in service against the Indians under Capt Reed & Gen. Rutherford in the year 1776 but how long he served I cannot state but believes he served as he states in the foregoing declaration. I also certify that said Elias was afterwards in service against the British & believe he served as he states in his declaration.

S/ Vachel Lovelace



[Luke Briant and Israel Lynn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On June 2, 1840, in McCracken County Kentucky, Anne Lovelace, 83, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Elias Lovelace; that she married him January 12, 1775; that her husband died the 23rd of December 1834; and that she remains his widow; and that she knows of no living witness to prove her husband's services other than Peggy Lovelace, the widow of her husband's brother Vachel Lovelace. She signed her application with her mark.]

⁴ [Walter Adams S30242](#)

⁵ [Vachel Lovelace W9144](#)

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Memorandum of the record taken from the family Bible of the above named Elias Lovelace to wit

"Elias Lovelace son of John Babtest Lovelace and Eleanor his wife was born January the 27th 1755

Anne Roby daughter of Thomas Roby was born January 3rd 1757 and married January the 12th 1775

Andrew Lovelace was born February 3rd 1776.

I Andrew Lovelace of the County of McCracken and State of Kentucky depose and say that I am the same Andrew Lovelace mentioned in the above extract taken from the family record and I here state that I am the eldest son of the above named Elias Lovelace and Anne his wife and that Anne Roby mentioned above is my mother & that her marriage mentioned above was to my father Elias Lovelace and that the above is a true extract from the record contained in my father's family Bible and I do further state that I have been familiar with said record from my boyhood when I first learned to read & write and that the above extract is the same that I first became acquainted with with the exception of the date which is expressed on the record in fair legible figures and in the above extract is expressed in writing in addition to the figures. Given under my hand this 2nd day of June 1840

S/ Andrew Lovelace



[p 14—the following is writing on the printed leaf of a New Testament]

I Anne Lovelace of McCracken County Kentucky duty depose and say that the foregoing statement of Peter Mahan in relation to his family record is true -- that I have kept the same in my possession ever since Peter Mahan made out the same & that the same is genuine and is in said Mahan's hand writing with the exception named in his affidavit given under my hand this 3rd day of July 1840

S/ Anne Lovelace, X his mark

Family Record

Marriages

Elias Lovelace and Anny Roby was married January 12th 1775

Isaac Lovelace son of Elias Lovelace was married Lucinda D. Ashley August 25th in the year 1818

Births

Elias Lovelace son of John Babtist Lovelace and Eleanor his wife was Born January the 27th 1755

Any Roby daughter of Thomas Roby was Born January 3rd 1757 and was married January the 12 1775

Andrew Lovelace was Born Fubruary 3rd 1776

Archable Lovelace was Born 28th of June in the year 1778

Elizabeth Lovelace was born March 2nd 1781

John Lovelace was born August the 7th 1783

Ann Lovelace was April the 3rd 1785

Verlinda Lovelace was born March 20th 1787

Emmely Lovelace was born Nov. 15th 1789

Issiac Lovelace was born August 23rd 1793

Casander Lovelace was born may the 19th 1796

Isaac Prather Son of Eli and Casander was Born November 15 1810

Virlinda Prather daugt. of Eli Prather and Casander was born August 7th 1819

Deaths

John Lovelace departed this life August 1784

Emmely Lovelace departed this life 1791

Verlinda Lovelace departed this life March 1802

Casander Prather departed this life August 27 in the year 1821 in childbirth

Anna McDaniel departed this Life April the 22nd 1834

I Peter Mahan of Hickman County Kentucky depose & say that the family record is in my hand writing. It was made out by me in the month of December 1826 under the following circumstances to wit I was at the house of the aforesaid Elias Lovelace at the time aforesaid in Butler County Kentucky where he then lived & he had just been bought this Bible & the old Bible in which his family record was kept had become old & mutilated and in order to preserve it he requested me to his transcribe it into this Bible which I did at the time and place above stated and I hereby depose & say that I transcribed the aforesaid record from the old Bible truly & that this is an exact copy of the same word for word & figure for figure and is in my hand writing except the last paragraph to wit the death of Anna McDaniel which only has been made since the time af'said by some other person and I do further depose that the same is genuine & remains just as I made it with the exception above stated and I state that Any Roby the person mentioned in the said record is the present Anne Lovelace & is the widow of Elias Lovelace & that she is the person in whose possession of this record has been Since the death of her husband Elias Lovelace witness my hand this 3rd day of July 1840

S/ Peter Mahan

[p 24: Affidavit given by Margaret (Peggy) Lovelace of Graves County Kentucky setting forth her recollection of the services of Elias Lovelace in the revolutionary war while he was living in Rowan County North Carolina. Her affidavit is dated June 2, 1840. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th., 1831 for 13 months service in the revolution. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing December 24, 1834.]