

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Lapsley<sup>1</sup> W9149      Margaret Lyle<sup>2</sup>      f29VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves      8/31/13

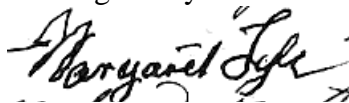
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have 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. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. 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 skills fail 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 material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Kentucky County of Fayette

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1842 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County Mrs. Margaret Lyle who is prevented by bodily infirmity of long-standing from attending at County or Circuit Court of said County to make her declaration herein, who is a resident of said County aged 82 years in [sic, on] the 18<sup>th</sup> day of this month who being first duly sworn according to Law Doth on her oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1837 and another Resolution passed at the last session explanatory of the same act. She states that she was married (to Samuel Lapsley who was a Captain in the Virginia line during the War of the Revolution and served during the War) on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1785 her memory is imperfect as to the Regiment in which he served but she has preserved his commission which she exhibits as part of her proof and she has no doubt that full evidence of all these facts are own record in the departments of the government at Washington showing his rank and services particularly as in consequence of the presentation thereof the Congress of the United States passed an act which was approved on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1813 for the relief of his representatives, C 4<sup>th</sup> volume of Biorens [sic] Laws of the US page 537. She further declares that her said husband died in the month of October 1786 on his return from Virginia that she married some 12 years afterwards the Reverend John Lyle who died in July 1825 that she has remained a widow ever since that she now resides with her son John R Lyle that she has been confined to her bed for the last 19 years with acute Rheumatism all of which facts will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Margaret Lyle



Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1842

S/ Walter Bullock, JP FC

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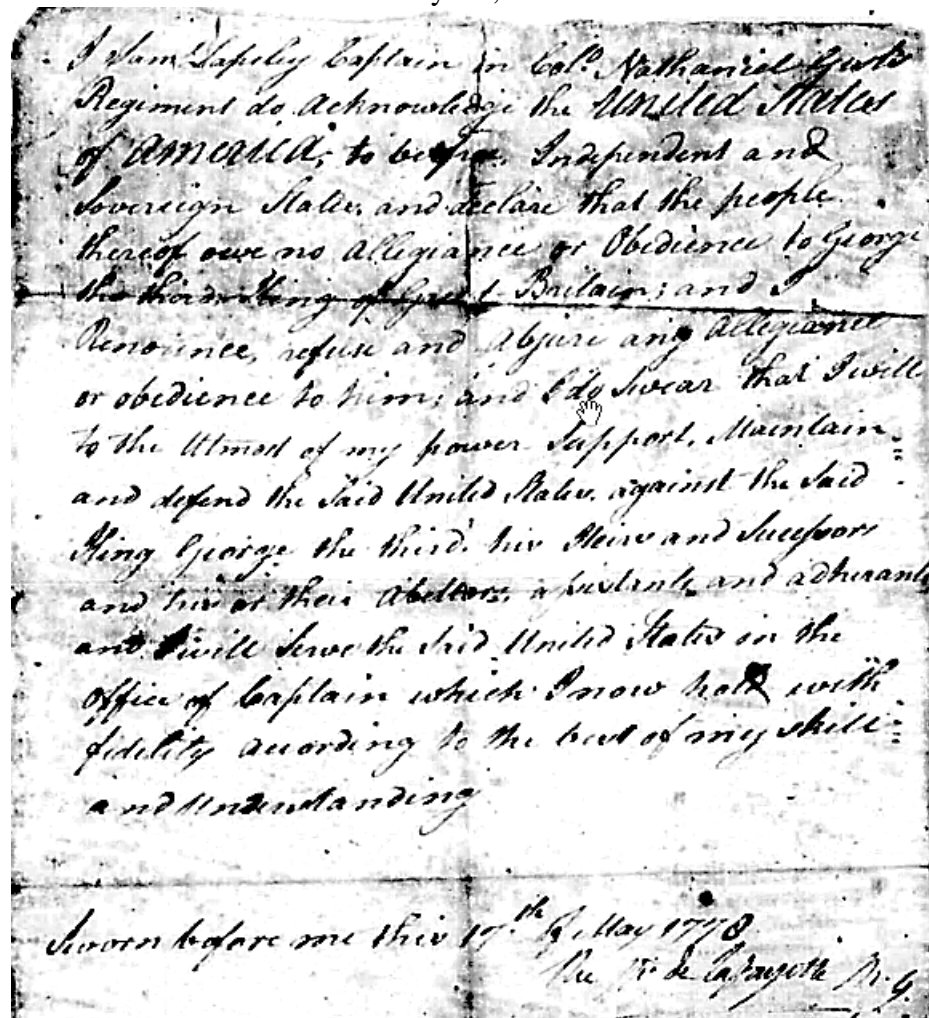
<sup>1</sup> BLWt1301-300—Capt. issued October 29, 1792 to Sally Woods Lapsley, hair at law, No Papers.

<sup>2</sup> Former Widow

I Samuel Lapsley Captain in Colonel Nathaniel Gist's Regiment do it knowledge the United States of America to be free, Independent and Sovereign States and declare that the people thereof oh no Allegiance or Obedience to George the third King of Great Britain; and I Renounce, refuse and Abjure any Allegiance or obedience to him; and I do swear that I will to the utmost of my power support, maintain and defend the said United States against the said King George the third his Heirs and Successors and his or their Abaters, assistants and adherents and I will served the said United States in the Office of Captain which I now hold with fidelity according to the best of my skill and understanding.

Sworn before made this 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1778

S/ de Lafayette, M. G.



I Samuel Lapsley Captain in Col. Nathaniel Gist's Regiment do acknowledge the United States of America to be free, Independent and Sovereign States, and declare that the people thereof owe no Allegiance or Obedience to George the third King of Great Britain; and I Renounce, refuse and Abjure any Allegiance or obedience to him; and I do swear that I will to the utmost of my power support, maintain and defend the said United States against the said King George the third his Heirs and Successors and his or their Abaters, assistants and adherents and I will serve the said United States in the Office of Captain which I now hold with fidelity according to the best of my skill and understanding.

Sworn before me this 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1778  
M. G. de Lafayette M. G.

[p 14: certified copy of a marriage bond dated October 3, 1785 issued to Samuel Lapsley & Samuel McDowell conditioned upon the marriage of said Samuel Lapsley and Peggy Irvine. Said license was issued in Lincoln County Kentucky.]

[p 16: certified copy of pay vouchers showing payments made to John Lapsley as Captain from March 20 1777 to January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1781 for pay and rations.]

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I do hereby Certify that Captain Samuel Lapsley [indecipherable initials or letters] one of the Additional 16 Battalions commanded by Colonel Nathl. Gist [Nathanael Gist], has not received any Pay or Subsistence from me since the Month of November 1779 nor have I drawn any for the said Regiment since that period, Given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1782

S/ F. Muir Capt. & P. Master to Colo. N. Gist's Regt.

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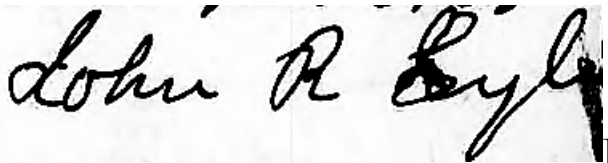
State of Kentucky Mercer County Sct.

Personally this day appeared in open Court for said County Colonel Joseph McDowell aged over 74 years who being first duly sworn deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with Captain Samuel Lapsley who served in the war of the Revolution as a Captain in the Virginia Line in what Regiment this deponent does not now recollect as he was quite a youth during that time that he is well acquainted with his widow now Mrs. Margaret Lyle, this deponent does not now certainly recollect whether he was present at their marriage or not but thinks the presumption is that he was as an older Brother was married to another sister the same evening But he would state that he was at their house after they were married frequently and knows that she was acknowledged as his wife by the said Lapsley that said marriage was consummated in the year 1785 that in the next year said Lapsley started to Virginia in company with his the deponent's Father and others from whence he never returned having died on his way home as he was informed by his Father at Fort Pitt or near it (now Pittsburgh) that his widow afterwards married the Reverend John Lyle who died in July 1825 that she is now alive and at the residence of her son John R Lyle in the County of Fayette and was a widow in the year 1836 and has remained ever since.

Given under my hand as aforesaid this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1842

S/ Jos. McDowell

[p 6: On the May 14, 1844 in Fayette County Kentucky, John R Lyle a resident of said County filed a claim under the 1838 act stating that he is the son and only child except for Mrs. Sally W. Witherspoon formerly Sally W. Lapsley, of Mrs. Margaret or Peggy Lyle, deceased, formerly Margaret Irvine, then Margaret Lapsley and lastly Margaret Lyle, the widow of Captain Samuel Lapsley of the Virginia line; that Margaret Irvine married Samuel Lapsley in October 1785 in Lincoln County Kentucky; that Samuel Lapsley died in 1786; that his mother then married the Reverend John Lyle in Mercer County Kentucky in June 1798; that John Lyle died July 1825; that his mother lived with the affiant until she died October 21, 1842

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R Lyle". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[pp 9-10: family record:

Births

Sally W. Lapsley the only daughter of Samuel Lapsley and Peggy his wife was born July 29, 1786

John R Lyle the eldest son of Reverend John Lyle and Peggy his wife was born August 8, 1800

Abram J. Lyle was born September 9, 1801

Joel Andrew their son was born May 24 1803

John Andrew Lyle the eldest son of A. J. and Frances F. Lyle was born October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1823  
Joel Irvin Lyle their 2<sup>nd</sup> son was born March 10<sup>th</sup> 1826

#### Births

John Lyle, Ruling Elder Timber Ridge church, Rockbridge County Virginia (who was the son John while Esquire from Ireland, who also was a rolling Elder in Timber Ridge) was born in Timber Ridge then Augusta County, July 10, 1746

Flora (Reid) Lyle the consort of said John Lyle, was born February 1743

Andrew Lyle the oldest son of Reverend John Lyle & Flora was born March 1768

Reverend John Lyle, their 2<sup>nd</sup> child, was born October 20, 1769

Joel Lyle, that 3<sup>rd</sup> son, was born December 19, 1774

William Lyle there youngest son, was born September 19, 1779

Martha Lyle, their oldest daughter was born November 177? [last digit written over and unclear]

Jane Lyle (Jane Frindlay) was born May 28, 1782

#### Marriages

John Lyle and Peggy Lapsley were married Monday 18 of June 1798

John R Lyle the eldest son of John and Margaret Lyle was married to Sarah M. Irvin January 1<sup>st</sup> 1833]

[p 3: summary of file:

"John R Lyle, applies for a pension as the Son of Margaret Lyle. – There is another child, Sally W Witherspoon – formerly Sally W Lapsley. –

Margaret Lyle, was married to her first husband Captain Samuel Lapsley, in Lincoln County North Carolina [sic, Kentucky] in October 1785. – And said Lapsley died in 1786. – She married Reverend John Lyle in 1798 – & John Lyle died in July, 1825."

[Veteran's widow's heir was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her former husband's service as a Captain for two years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Samuel Lapsley W9149

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 18 Aug 2020.

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

This is to Certify that Sam'l Lapsley serv'd as a Captain in Colo Gist Regm't (one of the Additional Corps) from the 18<sup>th</sup> March [illegible] untill the 21<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1781, at which time he became Supernumerary [illegible] was not Casher'd [cashiered] or Superceded. Given under my hand [the rest illegible; signed by Col. George Mathews VAS520]]