

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Knox W10181

Elizabeth Knox

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[p 4]

State of Indiana County of Owen:

On this 15th day of July in the year of our Lord 1842 personally appeared before the subscriber John Dunn Probate Judge in and of the County of Owen and State of Indiana the same being a Court of Record Elizabeth Knox a resident of said County of Owen aged seventy one or two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of John Knox who was a Captain Lieutenant and Private in the Army of the Revolution in the Service of the United States. That she cannot speak with certainty as to what officers he served under or in what regiments he served in. She believes however that he was during the period of his service which was principally in the State of South Carolina under Captain John McClure, Captain Brown [William Brown], Captain Walker [Alexander Walker], Colonel Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] & General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. That she believes her said husband served one tour of fifteen months and two of six months each but of this she has only the statements of her husband and others and begs leave to refer for the particulars of his service to the accompanying Deposition and to the Proof on file in the War Department of the United States.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Knox on the 12th day of February 1787 -- that her husband the aforesaid John Knox died on the 24th day of December 1818. That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Elizabeth Knox, X her mark

Subscribed and Sworn to on the day and year above written before me

S/ J. Dunn, Probate Judge

[p 6: Alexander Knox, 48, gave testimony on July 15, 1842 in Owen County Indiana that the husband of the applicant died in Pulaski County Kentucky December 24, 1818 and that she remains his widow. He signed his declaration with his mark. His relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

[p 11]

State of Tennessee Bedford County: SS

Be it remembered that I Alexander Lee, an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Bedford, in the State of Tennessee have this day caused Samuel Knox¹ to come before me, have duly qualified him on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, touching the services of John Knox in the war of the American Revolution, who deposeth as follows:

Question: State all you know or can remember if you know or remember anything on the subject, relative to the services of John Knox in the American Revolutionary War. State how long he served, where he served, under whom he served and in what capacity he did serve.

Answer: John Knox, who was my brother, served in the Revolutionary War a tour of fifteen months as a listed [enlisted] Soldier. He was on the Island at the time the Battle at the City of Charleston South Carolina [June 28, 1776]² under Col. Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] & Captain Brown. He afterwards went from there over the mountains against the Indians and had a fight with them. His second tour was for six months as a volunteer for which period he served as Lieutenant under Captain Walker. He was in a battle during this tour at Coosey-Hatchey Bridge [Coosawhatchie, May 3, 1779].³ His third tour was for five or six months, under Captain John McClure, during which he had a battle with the British at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780],⁴ and the next engagement was at the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780],⁵ where his Captain got wounded and died. He was a true American. He served three tours, one of fifteen months, as a listed soldier, one of six months as a Lieutenant, and one of five or six, I cannot say which, as a volunteer soldier.

S/ Samuel Knox, X his mark

[attested June 7, 1842 by Alexander Lee, JP]

[p 6: On July 15, 1842 in Owen County Indiana, Alexander Knox, 48, testified "that John Knox the husband of the above applicant died in the County of Pulaski and State of Kentucky on the 24th day of December 1818 and that she the said Elizabeth has from his death up to the time remained the widow of the said John Knox and still is his widow."]

[p 9]

State of Tennessee Bedford County:

Be it remembered that on this 19th day of July 1842 before me Alexander Lee a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally came Samuel Knox who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say in addition and explanation of the deposition made by him in relation to the services of John Knox in the war of the Revolution, on the 7th day of June 1842 that he is about ninety years old that when his brother John Knox performed the fifteen months tour of service in the Army of the Revolution he entered the service at a place called Chester County the State of South Carolina on or about as he thinks the ___ day of ___ in the year 17__ . In his second tour which was for six months and which he served out he entered the service as a place called Chester County in said State and was about the month of ___ in the year 17__ . In the tour he served as a Lieutenant and in the first as a private. In his third tour he entered the service at a place called Chester County in said State on or about the ___ day of ___ in

¹ [Samuel Knox W302](#)

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_coosawhatchie.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

the year 17__and cannot recollect the time nor place other than it was in Chester County State of South Carolina.

Subscribed & sworn to before me the day and year first above written.

S/ Samuel Knox, X his mark

S/ Alexander Lee, JP

[p 19: Elizabeth Knox filed on June 17 1848 in Monroe County Indiana for her rights under the 1848 act as the widow of John Knox.]

[Facts in file: Veteran married February 13, 1789 in Madison County Kentucky, Elizabeth Eoff; his widow died January 16, 1851.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$22.21 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

[Note: There are South Carolina Audited Accounts in file # 4369 relating to veterans named "John Knox" but it is not possible to discern which, if any, of the claims in that file relate to this veteran. I have elected to transcribed the claims separately and, as transcribed, they are posted in this database.]