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Pension application of John Looney S1553

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State of South Carolina Anderson District: On this 5th day of March 1833 John Looney personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas now sitting for said District and being duly sworn declares on oath as follows in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That deponent was born in Bedford County Virginia in 1754 -- Was living in that part of South Carolina now known as Spartanburg when he first entered the service which was as a Volunteer under Captain Nichols during the Snow Camps and when he served forty-two days -- He was afterwards engaged under various militia officers for short terms of service but cannot recollect very distinctly the term or officers --

On the 24th of December (he thinks in) 1777 he enlisted under Captain Benjamin Tutt in his Independent Company for three years with whom he continued in active service until his Captain was called on for a detachment and furnished twenty-five men of whom this Deponent was one and under his Lieutenant Thomas Farrar¹ marched to Savannah and in the Siege there was wounded in the ankle which disabled him for service -- passed for a discharge having been there attached to Colonel Laurens Infantry but was informed he had his discharge without having it in writing -- was never after in service -- his wound old serrated -- suffered for forty-four years when to save his life his leg was cut off and he now goes on a wooden leg -- He has long since made proof of his service and has received for many years a pension of \$21.42 from the General Government which was afterwards increased to \$34 -- His certificates are in the possession of a friend but will be procured and more particularly referred. If the Department can be satisfied of his service & give to him the benefit of the late act of Congress, he will cheerfully relinquish every claim whatever to his pension from the United States or from his own State from which he has also been some time in the receipt of a Pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court 5 March 1833

S/ John Looney

S/ Van A. Lawhon, CC

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[John B. Chapplell, a clergyman, and Colonel Robert Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Copy Certificate

"War Department

I certify that in conformity with the 3rd Section of an act of Congress of the 25th of April 1808 entitled "an act concerning Invalid Pensioners" John Looney was placed on the Pension

¹ [Thomas Farrar R3449](#)

List of the United States and Roll of the South Carolina agency at the rate of \$1.78 1/2 per month to commence on the 1st day of March 1808.

Given at the War office of the United States this 24th day of June 1813

S/ John Armstrong"

No number indorsed

State of South Carolina Anderson District

John Looney of the State & District aforesaid appeared personally before me and makes oath to the following statement by way of amending his Declaration made in open Court the 5th of March 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress June 7th 1832. His first tour set forth in his Declaration under Captain Nichols as a Volunteer was in November 1775 for 42 days which terminated as he well recollects on Christmas Eve of that Year. In his original Declaration he alludes to his having served various tours which could not be set forth with entire distinctness nor did he suppose it necessary on account of his succeeding enlistment for three years. But he is able to state that the very day he enlisted with Tutt on the 24th of December 1777 was the last day of one of those tours under Captain Robert Lusk which had commenced in September previous (1777) and during which time they were stationed at Fort Rutledge on Keowee River protecting the Frontier against incursions from the Cherokees --

On the 24th of December 1777 he enlisted for 3 years as stated under Tutt with whom he continued until detached with his Lieutenant Farrar (who was lately alive and some where in Alabama and marched to Savannah at the Siege of which on the 9th of October 1779 he was wounded and shortly after discharged being wholly unable to do duty.

His service therefore may be regarded as follows

First tour November 1775 until Christmas Eve 42 days

2nd Tour September 1777 until 24 December id say 3 months

Enlistment for 3 years though he served only from 24th of December 1777 until the 9th of October 1779 say [illegible figures and words]

Thus making in all of actual service which he is able to enumerate specifically 2 years one month 27 days though there were various intermediate tours of shorter periods as heretofore declared -- The Declaration having been returned with the single requisition that the term of service should be set forth anything further is deemed unnecessary.

Sworn to & subscribed November 14th 1833 before

S/ Joseph N. Whitner, NP

S/ John Looney

Surgeon's Affidavit

State of South Carolina Anderson District June 5th 1837

It is hereby certified, that John Looney a soldier in the company of Captain B. Tutt and Colonel Laurens Regiment of the United States of the Revolution is rendered incapable of performing the duty of a soldier, by reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, viz. during an engagement with the British troops.

By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination, it appears on the 9th day of October in the year 1779 being engaged with the British troops at or near a place called Savannah in the district or territory of Georgia he received a wound by an owner [?] ball in his ankle joint, the result of which was an ill conditioned & frequently foul ulcer for thirty or forty years, when finally from frequent hemorrhages and the malignant character of the sore, amputation of the leg

became indispensable to the preservation of his life. We have seen his leg and witnessed his suffering from it frequently previous to the operation. It was taken off just below the knee on or about the 10th day of December 1824; and he is hereby not only incapacitated for military duty, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, is totally disabled from obtaining his assistance from manual labor.

S/ F. W. Symmes, Surgeon

S/ Edm. Webb, Surgeon

State of South Carolina

Be it remembered that on the 29th day of September, before me Joseph Grisham Notary Public & ex officio a Magistrate for the District of Pickens in the State aforesaid, Personally appeared John Looney a person to me well known a Pensioner of the United States who was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution (and was wounded in the service). And made oath, that he was wounded at the siege of Savannah under General Lincoln. That he received one musket ball in his neck which was extracted and the wound cured. The other musket ball passed through the ankle of his left leg -- That the loan was incurable, and after suffering forty-four years two months & one day he had his leg cut off below the knee on the 10th day of December 1823 and that he is the same John Looney of Pendleton District to whom has been granted Pensions of various amounts from about \$17 per year to greater amounts as his disability increased. That for several years his pay as an invalid has not been received except about four years pay which he understood was paid to him by one A. Ray Esquire -- He now lives in Pickens District South Carolina

Sworn to 29th September 1842 Before me

S/ Joseph Grisham, NP

S/ John Looney

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled

Your most respectful petitioner begs leave to State, that early in the winter of 1777 during the War of the revolution, he entered the regular service of the United States for three years in Captain B. Tutt's Company under command of Colonel Laurens and General Lincoln, and that, on the 9th of October 1779, while engaged in action with the enemy at Savannah Georgia was severely wounded in the ankle by a ball, reducing great pain and suffering with ulcerated sores for 40 odd years. For the preservation of life it was deemed necessary in the year 1824, to amputate the leg. The statement of this fact is more fully shown by the certificate from the pension office accompanying this Memorial marked No. 1.

Your petitioner's name was placed on the revolutionary Invalid pension roll in the year 1808, at the rate of \$21.42 per annum: And under the general law, "to increase the pensions of invalids in certain cases approved April 24, 1816" The invalid pension was increased at the rate of \$34.12 per annum. And by reference to said act 1816, it will be perceived, that, under the first Section a private for total disability, or disability of the highest degree, a pension of \$8 per month, was directed to be approved. Had your petitioner been apprised of the Act 24th of April 1816, and application had been made after the total disability occurred "December 10, 1824" see Surgeons' Certificate No. 1 a full pension would have been allowed, But not having none of the Act April 24, 1816 until the year 1837, when application was made through his attorney Alexander Ray of Washington for said act And to the application then made, the Commissioner of Pension replies No. 2 "If he (John Looney) can show that the loss of his leg was the necessary consequence of the wound which he received at the battle of Savannah, he will be entitled to a

full pension" that he is \$8 per month.

When the surgeons' certificate No. 1 was presented in conformity with the Commissioner's instructions showing the time when the disability occurred, and upon a re-examination of the case, as per letter No. 3 June 17 1837, the Commissioner discovered "the law which authorized him to increase in certain cases had expired."

Upon a review of the claim, it evidently appears, that under the Act April 24, 1816, John Looney would have been entitled to receive \$8 per month from the 10th of December 1824 when the amputation of the leg became necessary. Had application been made at that time, or at the time it was made in April 1837, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Pensions -- if the act authorized the increase had not, having expired by limitation.

Y our petitioner has most respectfully stated the reason for not having applied earlier, and shown the date of the amputation of his leg. And now praise, that his name be directed to be placed on the revolutionary invalid pension roll at the rate which the act of April 24, 1816 would have entitled him to receive, upon the evidence produced to the Commissioner of Pensions as per copy No. 1 at the rate of \$8 per month, commencing on the 10th of December 1824 in lieu of the present invalid pension, and to continue during life, deducting there from the amount of the payments, as an invalid pensioner at the rate of \$34.12 from the 10th of December 1824. All of which is most respectfully submitted to Congress

S/ John Looney

by his attorney in fact S/ Alex. Ray Washington December 1841