

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Lucas: W5468

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State of Virginia; Montgomery County Sct

On this 8th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid John Lucass a resident of said county and State aforesaid aged Eighty three years on the fifteenth day of July last past, who being first duly sworn for that purpose according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832; That he engaged in the service of the United States as a Captain of Militia of Virginia in the regiment commanded by Colo. William Preston, and Lieutenant Colonel Walter Crockett about the year 1780 in the then county of West Augusta, afterwards Fincastle and now Montgomery and continued in the service six months or more; that he was called into service at three different periods under the same officers above named. That he was himself a Captain and discharged his duty as such, and resigned at the conclusion of the war, and delivered his commission to Colo. William Preston. He resided in the county of Montgomery and state of Virginia at the time of his service and has always resided since that time in the said county. He went to the state of North Carolina as a Captain under Lieutenant Colonel Walter Crockett, and was engaged in transporting a large number of British officers and Soldiers and Tories from South Carolina to the Town of Salem or the Moravian Town in North Carolina. he marched through North Carolina to South Carolina and returned again to Salem, and from there to Montgomery. General William Campbell commanded the expedition, and Isaac Capmbell [sic] was also a Captain of Cavalry. He was engaged frequently against the former[?] in the county of Montgomery, and under the command of Colo. William Preston surprised and took a party of tories commanded by Capt. McDonald and was retained to guard them after their surprise and surrender.

He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agent in any state whatsoever. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written. John Lucass

NOTES: In Montgomery County VA on 6 May 1839 Mary Lucas, age 81 on the previous 1 Jan, applied for a pension as the widow of John Lucas, whom she married on 15 Feb 1777, and who died on 19 April 1836. Other documents in the file provide information regarding their children.