

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Love S9376

f18NC[sic, SC]

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District }

On this 14th day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas and general sessions now sitting at Lancaster Court House Samuel Love, a resident of the State and District aforesaid, aged as he believes seventy three or four years, who being 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 in the fall or winter of the year 1777, at Camden South Carolina, where he then resided, as a substitute for James Russell, in Capt. Thomas Creighton's Company Col. Kershaw's Regiment, and was marched from there to a place called Purrysburg on the Savannah [River], or what he thinks was then called Puirainsburg River,[?]¹ in the lower part of South Carolina and fifty or sixty miles below Augusta in Georgia, where the army was stationed and served for the period of three months -- that he then served three months longer at the same place and under the same officers as a substitute for Richard Rodgers -- that when he left the service he received a discharge signed by Col. Kershaw, but the same was destroyed some five or six years passed when his house and all his papers were burned -- That he reentered the service again as he believes in the year A.D. 1779, in Chester District South Carolina where he then resided as a volunteer in Capt. John McCool's [John McCool's] Company under Col. Joseph Brown and was marched from thence to Camden to guard and defend that place and remained there about two months, when the British having reached Swift Creek, nine miles from Camden on their way to that place, he with the rest of the Americans were informed by Col. Brown that as they were destitute of arms and unable to defend themselves, they might disperse and every man to shift for himself -- this terminated his service at this time and from the manner in which they were dispersed he received no discharge --

He reentered the service again in the summer of the same year, on Sugar Creek, in the York District South Carolina, as a volunteer in Capt. James Read's [James Reid's] Company, under General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and was immediately marched [to] Hanging Rock,² in Lancaster District and was engaged in the [indecipherable word]³ memorable

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Puirainsburg River

2 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

3

Sumpter

battle which was fought at that place -- He was thence marched to Rocky Mount⁴ on the Catawba River, in he believes Chester District South Carolina, where they had another engagement with a detachment of British and Tories under the command he thinks of an officer by the name of Turnbull [Lt. Col. George Turnbull] in which the Americans retreated. He was next out with a small party of thirty or forty men towards Camden as spies, and near what is called the Camden Ferry encountered a band of about seventy British who were conducting thirty service wagons loaded with clothing, Rum, Sugar and Coffee, which had been sent from Orangeburg for the use of the enemy in Camden, all of whom they captured together with the baggage etc. and conveyed to Sumter's Head Quarters on Rocky or Turkey Creek in Chester District. He remained here for a few days, when he was again sent out with about one hundred others to reconnoiter under the command of Col. Winn [Richard Winn] and after having discovered the situation and number of the enemy, they returned to head quarters from where the whole Army were marched to McDonald's Ferry on the Catawba River in Chester District, at which place they were surprised and literally cut to pieces.⁵ He served during this period about seven or eight months. He for this time received no discharge. He reentered the service as a substitute for Richard Green, in Rowan County North Carolina, in the summer of the next year in Capt. Dowell's Company under Major Rowan and was thence marched to Waxhaw Creek, Lancaster District South Carolina from whence he was sent to Roper's Mills in North Carolina for flour where he was taken and confined for two or three weeks or perhaps longer, during which time the Regiment to which he was attached had marched to and fought a battle at Eutaw Springs⁶ South Carolina that he rejoined his Regiment on their return from that engagement, in Lancaster District South Carolina and was marched to [word faded and illegible] North Carolina where he received another discharge for three months service (which was also destroyed in like manner as the one already above referred to in this declaration). He again entered the service some [time] in the ensuing winter as a substitute for Robert Wilson and was marched to Head Quarters at Bacon's or Beatties Bridge on Ashley River where he joined the Army under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in Capt. Jones Company and Col. Litle's [probably a reference to Archibald Lytle] Regiment and thence moved down the River five or six miles where they remained until Charleston was vacated by the enemy, when he was marched under Major McCrea's⁷ command to Wilmington North Carolina where they were permitted to go home although there term of service had not yet expired. In this campaign he served 8 or 9 months. This closed his service. And he further declares that he knows no person by whom he could prove the whole or any part of his said services. And 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.

Answers to Interrogatories

Answer to Interrogatory.⁸ I was born in Lancaster District South Carolina, but do not recollect

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

⁵ Veteran MAY be referring to the engagement at Fishing Creek https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html but the reference to the action being at McDonald's Ferry doesn't fit.

⁶ September 8, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁷ This MIGHT be a reference to Griffith John McRae (McRae)

⁸ Here the veteran begins to answer the 7 interrogatories promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a pension. Those 7 interrogatories were as follows:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

the year of my birth.

Ans 2. I have no record of my age.

Ans 3. I was living on Beaver Creek Kershaw District when I first entered the service. And have lived since the revolutionary war and now live in Lancaster District South Carolina

4. I entered the service as already stated as a substitute

Ans. 5. I have already stated the easiest fully as I am able

Ans. 6. This is already answered above

Ans. 7. Jackey Perry, Esq., & Francis Ingram & Wm Ellis

Sworn to and subscribed in Open court

S/ Samuel Love



S/ Jno. Adams

[Jacob Carnes [signature looks more like "Jacob L. Dunn"], a clergyman, Jackey Perry and Francis Ingram each gave separate standard supporting affidavits.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died April 16, 1835]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service in the revolution.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁹ relating to Samuel Love pp 3
Audited Account No. 4688

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[No. 171 Book O]

Mr. Samuel Love his Account of 108 Days Duty as Private Horseman in State Troops in 1780 –
Amounting to 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina Currency] per day

£108

[Stg.] Sterling] £15.8.6 ¾

“It does not say when the Duty commenced or when Ended.”

Ex^d J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

⁹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Rec'd 24 October 1789 full Satisfaction for this Account in an indent No. 171 Book O

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South Carolina Debt to Samuel Love

1780

180 Days a private in Genl. Sumter's

Brigade mounted on horse at 20/ per day

£108

Say £15.8.6 ³/₄ Sterling

£15.5.8

South Carolina

Camden District} Appeared Samuel Love and made Oath that the above Service Was Done by
him and that the State is Justly indebted to him for the same. Sworn to Before me this 2nd March
1784

John McCool, JP

Samuel Love

I do hereby Certify that the above account is Just and true
John McCool Capt.



“The time should be mentioned when the Duty was performed – [”]
26th March