



and Samuel Patton<sup>3</sup> who served under him and whose affidavits are hereunto appended as well as that of Colonel John Carson<sup>4</sup> of Burke whose affidavit he expects to get and also append. (See affidavits A) ( No. 2 A)

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. I further state that I got to King's Mountain just after the Battle was fought in the year 1780 and sole Ferguson lying dead & were that he wrote with & used his sword with his left hand -- I knew General Lincoln when in command at Charleston. -- he was a well set strong man but not very flerly [? friendly?]. -- I cannot state the force of our own side well from the failure of my memory -- But I knew Colonel Washington when he was in the Southern war.

S/ Thos Lytle

Sworn to and open Court 23rd of October 1832

Test: S/ J. Erwin, Clerk

[Mark Brittain, Thomas Green and Charles McDowell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Joseph Dobson swears that he served under Thomas Lytle who now applies for the above certificate against the Indians during the revolutionary war -- S/ Joseph Dobson<sup>5</sup>

Sworn to in open Court 23rd of October 1832

[fn p. 50: Richard Bird, a clergyman, and John Burgin, Sr. gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 51]

State of North Carolina Burke County: Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace or Burke County, NC Captain Thomas Lytle who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear as to the precise length of time of his service but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned in his declaration hereunto attached, that after serving in various grades 4 terms he cannot now recollect he served more than 2 years as Captain commanding for which he claims a pension but he begs to refer to his declaration for at the time of making the preceding declaration his memory was better than it is now. I have no record of my age.

Sworn to before me the 8th day of May 1833

S/ Jesse Burgin, JP

S/ Thomas Little, X his mark

[fn p. 8: On September 15, 1842, in Buncombe County, NC, Millington Little swore that he was the son of Capt. Thomas Little]

[fn p. 10: On Oct. 2, 1851, in Buncombe County North Carolina, Thomas Lytle (alias, Little) executed a power of attorney in favor of Henry H. Sylvester to prosecute the claim for a pension of Capt. Thomas Lytle (alias, Little) for the of John, Georgia, Millington, Thomas Lytle and Saphrona Davidson, widow.]

[Facts in file: the veteran was born June 6, 1750 in Rowan County, North Carolina; he died at his

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<sup>2</sup> [John Duckworth S6805](#)

<sup>3</sup> FPA S8934

<sup>4</sup> This MAY be a reference to John Carson S9132

<sup>5</sup> [Joseph Dobson W19187](#)

residence in Burke County, later known as McDowell County, may 31, 1835.]

[fn p. 54]

State of North Carolina Burke County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Court 1832  
A Isaac Thompson & John Ducksworth comes into Court and makes oath that during the war of the Revolution they knew that Thomas Lytle served as Captain and commanded at the Head of the Catawba River where we fortified against the Indians -- that they Isaac & John served as privates under him -- that he is generally reputed to have commanded as Captain for a much longer time than 6 months.

Sworn to in open Court this 22nd of October 1832

S/ J. Erwin, Clk

S/ John Ducksworth

S/ Isaac Thompson

[fn p. 55]

State of North Carolina Burke County: This day came Samuel Patton before me Jesse Burgin one of the Justices of the peace for said County & made oath in due form of law who deposeseth & saith that Thomas Lytle was Captain under General Charles McDowell & I was Lieutenant under said little & was marched from said County against the Cherokee Indians & this Expedition were about one month. Sworn to & subscribed this 13th of October 1832

S/ Jesse Burgin, JP

S/ Samuel Patton, X his mark

[fn p. 59]

I John Carson of the Pleasant Garden State of North Carolina and County of Burke being requested to state what I know of the services of Captain Thomas Little end & during the Revolution of 1776 -- I do hereby certify that said little was addressed as Captain and a good Whig was known by me to be a brave soldier and an honest man. In testimony whereof I further state that we served together and several campaigns against the Cherokee Indians and in different forts, together ranging the mountains between the different forts on the frontier of North Carolina and also in the Cross Creek expedition -- he never commanded me as a Captain but I verily believe he acted as Captain at Wofford's Fort in the Turkey Cove -- I am at this date 82 years old and my habitation has been in said County since the year 1776. Sworn to and subscribed to the best of my memory and belief -- March 24th, 1834. S/ Jn. Carson

S/ James McDowell, JP

[fn p. 66]

State of North Carolina were County: Personally appeared before me Jesse Burgin a justice of the peaceful Burke County State of North Carolina Thomas Lytle Senior who being duly sworn deposeseth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear precisely as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades. The first tour that I claim for was as a Lieutenant with part of his company and attached to Captain Work's company of the Regiment of Colonel Bateman of the Rowan Militia we served against the Tories over on Saluda in South Carolina where Colonel William Polk was shot in the shoulder, the same tour we served against the Tories in North Carolina in the expedition called the Cross Creek expedition against the Scotch Tories as they were called where they were defeated. This was in the same company under Colonel Bateman we went out for a 3 months tour but performed the

service in a little better than 2 months: this is the first service which I claim for (the reason that this was not put in my first declaration he is that I did not know that it was necessary to state more than 6 months of my service) this was the winter 1776 & 1777 before I came up to command the upper forts on the Catawba in North Carolina, this was the first regular tour of duty -- was on which I claim for I was then a regular commissioned Lieutenant which commission I kept or many years until I viewed it of no value & of course lost it.

For upwards of 2 years I commanded at the upper forts on the Catawba has described in my previous declaration he further states that the commission of Lieutenant & also that of Captain were both large printed commissions: & thinks that Colonel Brevard filled up that of Captain he further states that after the first Tour of service was out at the upper forts, that he was continued in said service because he, acquainted with the mountains it being the frontier and that he delighted in the service. He further states that in consequence of such acquaintance with this then frontier that he never was out of the service 6 months until peace was restored with the Indians, but to make himself sure of not charging too much service he claims for no more than 2 years service as Captain & 2 months as Lieutenant, at one time & 3 months at another. I was born in Rowan County North Carolina 1750 on the 6th of June. I have no record of my age for it is worn out: I always was a volunteer. I cannot say who signed by commissions but they was such as are usually signed in blank by the Governor & filled up by the field officers even to the day my commission both as Lieutenant and Captain are both lost. I cannot now tell who was the general officer in the expedition either at Saluda or Cross Creek but well recollect that Colonel William Polk was wounded in the first & that Colonel Bateman commanded me in the last, that Lieutenant Colonel Hartwright commanded him at the Tour of 3 months in Charleston under General Lincoln, when I was stationed so long as 2 years at the upper forts, General Charles McDowell commanded & had him & his men furnished with rations, & also with Frisch man when needed if they could not be got command the forts and scoured the Country. He General McDowell also commanded us in an expedition over to the Indian towns: in this expedition is Army was at least 200 men. That we often made excursions into smaller parties over against the Indians, that I cannot say more as to the time for the want of memory but can say without the least doubt that I served at least 2 years as Captain & 5 months as Lieutenant.

S/ Thomas Little

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 6th March 1834

S/ Jesse Burgin, JP