

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Ralph Cassel R1791
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The State of Indiana, Decatur County: Decatur Circuit Court September Term 1839

On this fourth day of September in the year of our Lord 1839, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of the Decatur Circuit Court in the County of Decatur in the State of Indiana, now sitting Ralph Cassel a resident of Decatur County and State of Indiana, aged Seventy nine years in October next, who being first 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated – that he entered the service in the County of Newberry in the State of North Carolina [sic, South Carolina] in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Hayes, some time in the summer or spring the year 1776¹ in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams [James Williams], that he marched from thence to Musgrove's Mill, on Enoree River and was in an engagement there,² that he received a wound in said engagement on his shoulder that they drove the enemy across the River, that the British forces were commanded by Col. Ennis [sic, Alexander Innis], that they then returned home after being absent about two months, that he served & entered in the above services as a militia man – and then marched to King's Mountain,³ and was sent out from the camp as a spy that he started out in the morning and returned the next morning a short time after an engagement had taken place in which General Ferguson [Sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] the Enemy's commander was defeated, and his Army taken prisoners and were in the custody of our forces when he returned; that Col. Williams was killed in the engagement, Generals Shelby [sic, Colonel Isaac Shelby] & Cleveland [Colonel Benjamin Cleveland] was in the engagement – then we were marched home by our Captain Hayes was gone three or four months, -- that he then entered the company commanded by Captain De Pung in the same County and State as aforesaid and marched from thence to a Creek as he believed called Oakede Creek & was stationed there for one year to prevent the enemy from coming up in their Roe [sic, row] boats, that they then received orders from General Marion to march down the head of Oakide Creek to Broad River that they marched as commanded to Broad River and there joined General Marion's Army on Broad River and remained with General Marion about six months, and was in the battle at Parker's ferry,⁴ and received a wound in his head in said engagement & arms, and was cut severely with the sword, that the Enemy crossed the River and compelled us to retreat, that during the retreat his horse was shot from under him & he [was] pursued by one of the enemy & was relieved by Sergeant McDonald & a man by the name of Pierce, who shot the person that was cutting him with his sword & then commanded him to mount the horse of the person that had been inflicting the wounds aforesaid upon him, which he did & made his escape – that in a short time afterwards at the request of his commander returned home being unable to perform service – that he was born in the State of Virginia & lived in the State of South Carolina eight or ten years & then moved to the State of Ohio where he resided until the Spring of 1839 when he removed to the State of Indiana where he now resides that until within the last 12 months he has been able to work a living without any difficulty, but at this time has become frail & reduced in his circumstances, that had he of continued able to of obtain or support without difficulty he should not of made this application for a pension – that he has no documentary evidence of his services; and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can

1 The events described by the application occurred in 1780 and 1781.

2 The battle of Musgrove's Mill occurred on August 19, 1780.

3 The battle of King's Mountain occurred on October 7, 1780.

4 The skirmish at Parker's Ferry occurred on August 31, 1781.

testify to his services. 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.

S/ Ralph Cassel, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Henry H. Talbott, Ck, D. C. C.

[standard certification of veracity and service given by Richard Mann and Quartus [?] Moore]

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State of Indiana County of Decatur: SS

On this 24th day of November in the year 1840 personally appeared in open Court before the Probate Court of Decatur County and State of Indiana now sitting in session, (said Court being constituted by law a Court of record) Ralph Cassel a resident of Decatur County, and State of Indiana aged eighty years one month and ten days, who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted and entered the service of the United States in the month of February in the year 1780 at Newberry County in State of South Carolina under Colonel James Williams and Captain Joseph Hays [Joseph Hayes], that he marched from said Newberry County under said officers to Musgroves Mill in South Carolina at which place he was engaged in a battle with the British under the command of Colonel Crouger [sic, John Harris Cruger] – Colonel Williams commanded the Americans in that Battle – That he was wounded in the shoulder in that Engagement – The Americans were victorious – the battle of Musgroves Mill was fought in June – after he so entered the service – That he marched under Colonel Williams and Captain Hays from Musgroves Mill to the neighborhood of Kings Mountain where the detachment to which he belonged and he himself, joined a detachment under Colonel Shelby, and Colonel Cleveland and that he was in a battle at the Kings Mountain which Battle was fought about the month of October after he entered the Service of the United States – That Colonels Cleveland and Shelby commanded the Americans at the Battle of Kings Mountain and Colonel Ferguson commanded the British – Colonel James Williams (under whom he entered the service as aforesaid) was killed at said battle of Kings Mountain – and Colonel Ferguson commander of the British was also killed, That immediately after said Battle of Kings Mountain he was discharged and returned home to Newberry County South Carolina – that he did not receive a written discharge – that he served at least eight months in said tour of service – That he volunteered and entered the service of the United States in the month of June in the year 1781 near Bluford in the State of South Carolina under Captain Dupong & Lieutenant Dupong and marched to Parkers ferry in the State of South Carolina where under said last mentioned officers he joined a detachment under General Marion – that he was in the Battle at Parkers Ferry in South Carolina – General Marion commanded the Americans at the Battle at Parkers ferry – that he was severely wounded at said last mentioned battle and his horse was shot from under him – That he was so badly wounded, that after the said battle he returned home to near Bluford in South Carolina in November 1781, that he was in service in said last mentioned tour at least five months. That he has no Documentary evidence of said two tours of service and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service – That he cannot recollect the names of the company officers under whom he served except Captain Hays, Captain Dupong & Lieutenant Dupong – that he is greatly enfeebled by age, and has in some measure lost recollection of many interesting events that must have taken place during his Service – That [he] recollects being in the three battles of Musgrove's Mill – Kings Mountain and Parkers ferry on Broad River – he recollects that in addition to Colonels Cleveland & Shelby there were at Kings Mountain Colonels Campbell and severe – that he cannot now remember any further particulars of his Service which he could venture to state with certainty – That 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry H. Talbott, Clerk

S/ Ralph Cassel, X his mark

[Elisha Stout, a clergyman, and Quartus Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]