

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Queery R8544

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State of Missouri, County of Ray

On this the second day of May in the year of our Lord 1843, personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Ray County, now sitting, William Queery, a resident of the County of Ray and State of Missouri, aged 82 years, 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in June (date not recollected) of the year 1777 under Captain James Barr, as a Private and as a volunteer, in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina. The company of said Captain Barr was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald McDowell [sic, either Archibald Lytle or Charles McDowell?] and belonging to General Butler's Brigade, of the State of North Carolina – that in eight or ten days after he enlisted in said Company, and said Company was mustered into said Regiment, he was elected Adjutant of said Regiment, and continued in the service of the United States in said capacity as Adjutant for five months, – that he was in the Battle of Stonough [sic, Stono], South of Charleston, South Carolina during this campaign. Said Declarant further states that he again entered the service of the United States as Adjutant of Colonel Martin Armstrong's Regiment, under the command of Brigadier General Rutherford, in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina in the month of June in the year 1779, and continued in that service in the capacity aforesaid until after Gates defeat – that he was in the Battle of Gates defeat above Camden South Carolina. And that in July 1780 he was elected Captain of a Horse Company in the Regiment of Colonel William Hill, under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] of South Carolina and that he was commissioned Captain as aforesaid by Governor Rutledge of South Carolina – and that immediately after he was commissioned, he went into active service and so continued for the space of 10 months – and that during said last mentioned service he was engaged in a great number of skirmishes. Said Declarant further states that about August 1781, he volunteered as a Private under Major Joseph Graham in an expedition to Wilmington N. C., and that he was in said service three months and a half. Said Declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. Said Deponent further says that he has never heretofore applied for a pension for his services in the Revolutionary War, and that his reasons for not doing so were, that he has heretofore been able to support himself and family, but that he is now to feeble and infirm to procure a living by his own industry. Said Deponent further states that while he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

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.

Said declarant further states that he cannot procure the certificate of any clergyman as required for the reason that he has been in this Country but a short time and has not made such acquaintance as will authorize any clergyman to certify for him.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court:

Question 1: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: In Cumberland County Pennsylvania and in the year 1761.

Question 2: Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: None

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

Answer: Lived in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina when called into service, I have lived most of

the time since the War, and West Tennessee, Virginia and lived and now in the rate County, Missouri.

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

Answer: Volunteered in every instance.

Question 5: 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.

Answer: Officers – Colonel Martin Armstrong – Colonel McDowell – Generals Butler and Rutherford – and in State service General Sumter – Colonel William Hill – Major William Bluford and Major Joseph Graham.

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

Answer – Received a discharge from Colonel McDowell and lost it – also a conditional dismissal from General Sumter – that lost also.

Question 7: Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?

Answer: Received a commission from Governor Rutledge through the hands of Col. William Hill, that lost also

S/ Wm Queery

Subscribed and Sworn to before the undersigned Clerk May 2nd, 1843.

S/ William M. Jacobs, County Clerk

[William E. Colley, Thomas Colley, Charles Ballew and Richard Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]