

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Hancock S21265

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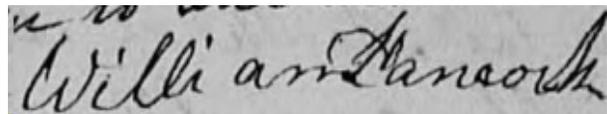
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State of Tennessee }  
Campbell County } SS.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Hancock Aged eighty six 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That in the month of September or October in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty he volunteered for three months in Captain [Jacob] Early Company of Rifle men in Bedford County in the State of Virginia. one Leftridge [sic: Leftwich] was Lieutenant. the name of the Ensign not now remembered William Leftridge [sic: William Leftwich] was Colonel. all under the command of General [Robert] Lawson. Were marched directly to Petersburg in the State of Virginia where we lay in garrison the balance of the time without having any general engagement. Shortly before this applicants term of service expired, he remembers that Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene, Nov 1780] marched through the neighbourhood of Petersburg on his way to the South to attack Lord Cornwallice [sic: Cornwallis], and in the spring afterwards had the battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. This applicant after serving three months, (being the term for which he volunteered) was discharged by his captain and returned home.

In the Month of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty one He was drafted for three months and served in Captain Alexander Cummings [Alexander Cummins] company of rifle men George Asberry was Lieutenant. the name of the Ensign not remembered Col. John Holcum [sic: John Holcombe] commanded the Reg't. under the command of General Lawson. were marched down upon James River to a place called Point fork [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence of the James and Rivanna rivers] as well as this applicant now can remember from there was marched to Prince Edward Court House from there was marched to Carters ferry [now Cartersville] upon James River. there crossed the river and were marched from there to about twenty miles above Richmond, where we joined the Marquis Layfayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette]. from there were marched in pursuit of Lord Cornwallice who was but a short distance ahead; after several days march this applicant with about two hundred others were detached and marched down upon Chickahominy to Guard a store under the Command of Captain Lovely – there this applicant remained until his time of three months expired and was relieved and sent home. making altogether six months service in the United States Army during the revolutionary war. Applicant states that he was born in Prince William County in the State of Virginia upon the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1747. Has at this time no record of his age. Was living in Bedford County in the State of Virginia when called into the service of the United States from there removed to Tennessee. He now lives in Campbell County in the State of Tennessee. He at this time has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person living in this Country by whom he can prove his services. The general circumstances of his services he has stated in his declaration He refers to his neighbours and acquaintances generally as to his character for veracity and truth. 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 any agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above written

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Hancock". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right. The signature is written on a light-colored, possibly aged, paper.