Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wanslow S32045 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Georgia Elbert County: SS

On this 19th day of May 1833, personally appeared before many Dilliard Herndon a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for Elbert County State of Georgia John Wanslow a resident of Elbert County and State of Georgia, aged ninety-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits 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 into the service of the United States as a private for three months on the __ day of __ in the year 1776 the day and month not recollected, under Captain Harris in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis, that he resided in Albemarle County State of Virginia at the time when he was drafted into said Service, join his Regiment in Fluvanna County State of Virginia, marched from thence to Yorktown in said State, from Yorktown to Hampton on the seaboard, there he was discharged after having served three months as a private in the United States service during the Revolutionary War.

That he also was drafted into the service of the United States for three months as a private, in the County of Albemarle, State of Virginia, on the __ day of __ 1781 the day and month he does not recollect distinctly, under Captain William Dawton in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ joined his Regiment in Albemarle County, marched from thence to Richmond State of Virginia where he remained for some time from Richmond to a place called Holts forge, he cannot distinctly recollect the other markings during this service, but after having served three months as a private was discharged from the service of the United States, but does not recollect the date when he was discharged.

That he was also drafted into the Service of the United States for three months as a private in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia, on the __ day of __ 1781 the day and month he does not recollect, under Captain Henderson, in the Regiment commanded by a Colonel whose name he cannot now recollect, marched from Albemarle County to Richmond Virginia, from Richmond to Cabbin point [Cabin Point], from thence marched about 25 or 30 miles to a small town where he was discharged after having served three months as a private in the Service of the United States, but does not recollect, the date when he was discharged, making in all at the three different periods, nine months service as a private during the Revolutionary War, that during his service he served with the Militia and regulars but cannot describe them at this late date by name, General Nelson of the militia and the Marquis de Lafayette of the Continentals he knew, who commanded the troops at the different periods where he served. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service during the Revolutionary War.

That he was born in Louisa County State of Virginia on the __ day of __ 1738, that he does not recollect the day or month when born that he lived in Albemarle County State of Virginia when called into service; where he lived until he removed to Elbert County State of Georgia, where he has been living thirty-three years, and has lived there ever since and now lives there, that he was drafted into the service each time, states that the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served he can only recollect distinctly the Marquis de Lafayette, and that the Continental and Militia regiments where he served were the Regulars commanded by the Marquis de Lafayette and the Militia commanded by General Nelson, but does not recollect them by name. Says that he has no record of his age.

He says that he received no written discharge, and that the Army in those days were generally disbanded after the troops having served out their term of service.

He states that the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution our William A. Beck one of the justices of the Inferior Court of Elbert County, Thomas A. Banks, Zachariah Bowman, William White, Joseph Rucker and Joseph Blackwell.

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/ Dilliard Herndon, JIC S/ John Wanslow, X his mark [Asa Chandler, a clergyman, and William White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]