

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jacob Grammer S3430

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State of Tennessee Williamson County

On this 6th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before me Thomas Stuart presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Williamson County of Law and Equity in the State of Tennessee now sitting, Jacob Grammer, a resident of Williamson County, Tennessee, aged 77 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 provisions of Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832: that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: I was residing in Pitt County, North Carolina, when I first entered the service as a volunteer into Captain Stancil's Company. We were marched from Pitt County, in the time I do not recollect, to Wilmington, N. Carolina, where we rendezvoused and General Simpson commanding the North Carolina Militia took command of us. Here we lay for further orders until my tour of three months, for which I had volunteered, expired. I got a discharge signed by my captain which is lost. I recollect none of the subordinate officers in this company but Ensign George Fortner. I then returned home to Pitt County where I stayed until my next tour. My next tour was a tour of six months which commenced on 10th of November 1779. I entered as a volunteer into Capt. Cannon's company, Seth Stafford, Lieutenant, John Pery [sic, Perry?], Ensign. We marched from Kingston where we had rendezvoused to the Ten Mile House in South Carolina, General Bryant taking command of us at Kingston [sic, Kinston]. The Col. of the regiment to which Captain Bryant's company was attached was by the name of Smith. In our march to the Ten Mile House we joined General Ash with a body of troops. The troops with whom I served were called out for the purpose of protecting Charleston, but when we arrived at Charleston, it appeared that the British had turned their forces upon Augusta and Georgia. General Lincoln, then in the command of the Southern Army, ordered General Ash [sic, John Ashe] and his troops to go to the support of Augusta. We then marched from Charleston to Savannah River which we crossed at Augusta. We then marched down the river to Bryer Creek [sic, Briar Creek] where we encamped. We soon after found that the bridge over that creek had been set on fire by the British and was burning down. Then the British came down upon our backs and compelled us to battle. We were defeated and completely routed. A few, including myself, under the Lieutenant and Ensign of Captain Cannon's company, retreated to Purysburg where General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] then lay with his army. We remained with him until my six month tour was out. During the time General Lincoln marched from Purysburg to Black Swamp in South Carolina, where I received my discharge on the 10th of May 1780, signed by General Bryant, I expect. I returned home where I remained until General Gates, appointed to the command of the Southern Army, marched towards Camden. There was two companies raised in Pitt County, one of horse and the other of foot. I volunteered into the foot, commanded by Captain John Hodge. We marched from Pitt County about the 1st of August 1780 towards Camden expecting to join Gates about that place. But he was defeated before we joined him. We then turned and went to Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, N. Carolina, where the wounded that escaped at Gates' defeat had been sent. We stayed here some time being joined by some of the county men, skirmishing with [the] British. We then marched to the Yadkin River, Island Ford seven miles from Salisbury. Here my tour of three months expired and we marched home and I received a discharge signed by my Capt. which I left in my father's desk in North Carolina.

I was born in Pitt County, North Carolina, 1756 where I remained until I came to this country in 1813 and settled in Davidson County, Tennessee, where I lived nearly two years; at the end of which time I moved to Williamson County, where I have been living ever since and now live. I have no other record of my age than that in my father's family Bible which I presume is in North Carolina. I have no documentary evidence of my service except those stated, which was lost. I know of no person in this country who can certify to my services as stated. I am acquainted with Robert C. Foster, Garner

McCanies [?], Thomas D. Porter, George Peay and Thomas Peay who can certify to my character and having been in the service during the revolution; and to my veracity &c.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever, except the present, to a pension or annuity and declare my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State; I was acquainted with General Lincoln, General Ashe, General Bryant and Colonel Smith.

S/ Jacob Grimmer, X his mark

Sworn to in open court, 6 Sept. 1832.

S/ P. Hay, Clk.

[Garner McCanies and Thomas D. Porter, clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]