

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Warren S3459

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State of Tennessee Hardeman County: On this the 1st day of May in the year of our Lord 1836 personally appeared Elijah Warren in open court before the Justices of said County aged Resident of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty-three 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he was born in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] North Carolina 3rd day of December 1753 and there resided until the termination of the Revolution and that he entered the service of the United States at the age of twenty-two or there about under Captain Hardy Bryant and Major Samuel Smith as a volunteer and was marched from thence immediately a small distance below Wilmington to guard the Inlet of Brunswick to prevent the British from passing up said Town of Wilmington we here cast up a Fort and remained here one month in readiness to prevent the passage of the River. I served in this tour three months the time I volunteered for and was marched on and discharged. I received a written Discharge signed by Captain Hardy Bryant but not believing it would ever be of any benefit to me I used it so carelessly it is now lost or destroyed --

In a short time after this I volunteered in a light Horse Company as a minute man under Captain John Whitley for the term of six months who was raising soldiers there to guard and watch over the Tories who was at that time committing numerous outrages on Whig settlers. So soon as our company was raised we rendezvoused at Smithfield and was marched from thence down on the Head of New River and Tuckaho [?]. We here met the British joined by the Tories and had a Battle and from strength of force we were repulsed from thence we marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River we remained here one month or thereabout guarding against the Rangers of the Tories and from thence we returned to Johnson County again and I remained as a minute man guarding and defending our settlements and procuring provisions for the Army for near 6 months and was then discharged. I received a written discharge from Captain Whitley but it is now lost or destroyed --

I have no Documentary evidence to prove my services nor do I know of any person now living who I can prove said services by.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and Declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. There is no clergyman living

near where I resided consequently cannot procure one to certify for me. I can prove my character for honesty veracity and good moral character by John Crawford and Joel Grantham Senior of my own neighborhood who can testify as to their belief and the neighborhoods belief generally of my being a soldier of the Revolution. I continued to reside in Johnson County a number of years the precise time he does not now recollect and moved from thence to Hickman County Tennessee and remained there a short time and then moved to Hardeman County Tennessee where he now resides. Given under my hand and seal this day and date above.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court May 1, 1837

S/ Elijah Warren

S/ R. P. Neely, Clerk

by S/ Saml. McDowell, D. C.

[John Crawford & Joel Grantham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Hardeman County: SS

On this 6th day of August 1838 Personally appeared in open Court Before the County Court now sitting Elijah Warren a resident of said State and County aged eighty-four years and who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration to what he has heretofore sworn to and on the files of the War department, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That it is so long a time since the scenes alluded to in his declaration occurred that it is possible he may have made some mistake. He is desirous of being clear on the subject and now states on reflection that he served the first tour stated in his declaration as a footman, that he afterwards volunteered in the company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Whitley for a period of six months but was discharged after serving three months & twenty days, in this last service watching the Tories and British his company visited Wilmington, was at Tuckahoe when we had a fight, this was somewhere in 1780 I think at all events one year before Lord Cornwallis surrendered. This declarant for cause says that he never applied for a pension before because from his retired life and infirmities he had no chance or opportunity to know that the laws of the County [sic] gave him anything for his Services. As soon as he understood the fact, he applied to E. K. Belcher Esquire for his service. This declarant further states that he lived in Johnson County North Carolina when he served his County [sic] that he removed in 1830 to Tennessee and that there is none of his old Companions in war about him to prove his service, but he refers to the certificate of Joel Grantham and Edwin Crawford, the person of home was in the War of the Revolution himself for evidence of his deserts. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel McDowell, Deputy Clerk

S/ Elijah Warren

[Joel Grantham & Edwin Crawford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Hardeman County: SS

On this 7th day of May personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court Hardeman County now sitting Elijah Warren a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty-five 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, 1832. That in 1778 then being a citizen and resident of Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] North Carolina, he entered the service of the United States and was marched under the command of Captain Hardy Bryan [sic] to Wilmington NC and from thence to a Fort to guard Cape Fear

River to keep the British from coming out, that in this tour he served three months, then took a discharge and which he has lost or mislaid. Captain John McCulloch's company accompanied hours and the whole was commanded by Major Samuel Smith.

That afterwards, he volunteered in the Light Horse Company commanded by Captain John Whitley and was marched from Johnson County to Kingston above New Bern, then went to the head of New River, then back again to Kingston and from thence to Wilmington during this march was occupied in watching the Tories in company with Captain Williams troop of Horse, and had some skirmishing with the Tories, near Wilmington we joined other forces and were commanded by General Nathan Bryan & Colonel Bloodworth [sic, Bludworth]. We met the Enemy at a place called Tuckaho under General Craig [sic, Col. James Craig], British and Tories and they compelled us to retreat, from this our company returned to near Kingston and from thence went into South Carolina, sometimes at one place and sometimes at another until a service of 6 months was accomplished when I received a written discharge but which is lost or mislaid, that so long a time has elapsed that he knows of no person whose testimony he can obtain to testify to the above facts. 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 or if any only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ R. P. Neely, clk

S/ Elijah Warren

[Joel Grantham & John Crawford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 3 months service in the infantry and 3 months service in the cavalry as a private in the North Carolina service.]