Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Roper S36261 fn31NC Transcribed by Will Graves 1/19/10

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State of Tennessee Williamson County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions July Sessions A.D. 1824

This date George Roper appeared in open court and file his declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension which is in the words and figures following to wit "On this day appeared in open court to wit the court of pleas and guarter Sessions for Williamson County in the State of Tennessee which is a court of record by act of Assembly George Roper aged fifty-nine years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said George Roper enlisted for the term of one year in the month of February 1787 [sic] in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Anthony Sharp and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Dixon & Major Donoho [Thomas Donoho] in the North Carolina line first Regiment in the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps until within a few days previous to the expiration of the term for which he enlisted when he was transferred to Captain Watson's company in which he continued to serve until he was discharged from said service at Ashley old Fields in South Carolina in the month of June 1782 by Colonel Henry Dixon which discharge is lost he was in the battle of Aleymance [sic, Alamance?] fought in the month of March 1781, that he was in the battle of Guilford Court house fought in the same month & year that he was in the battle of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina fought in the same year and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services except that of Captain William Lytle, Snr¹ & Adj. William Haynie² -- And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit that he is possessed of no property whatsoever except his wearing apparel. The said George Roper doth make oath that he is by occupation a farmer and that he is not able to pursue his occupation from age and infirmities that he has a son named David C. Roper aged about 23 years who resides and a great distance from this applicant that he this applicant resides in Williamson County in the

¹ Will (William) Lytle S46228 ² FPA W7693

State of Tennessee.

Sworn to in open court this 5th day of July 1824 S/ George Roper, X his mark [fn p. 12: Riley and Wiley Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Smith County: Whereas William Haynie Esquire States that he was well acquainted with George Roper in the time of the revolutionary war and that he the said George was drafted for a three months tour of duty and from some cause unknown to me he the said Roper did not go into service until I took him out myself and when I arrived at head quarters the Continental officers informed me that he was turned over for twelve months in the regular Army I then interfered with the said officers and took him out of their possession I then informed the Colonel of my Regiment the nature of the business how he became turned over into the regular Army for twelve months the Colonel then told me to keep him there in my possession and to promise him if he would serve his three months tour which tour he did serve and it should clear him of the regular Army. I then was sent off upon the command out of the Army then shortly after I left the Army the regular officers came and took him into their service and he the said Roper having no friend to act for him was continued in the United States service for twelve months in Captain Anthony Sharp's Company of regulars and Colonel Henry Dixon's Regiment of North Carolina General Sumner's brigade and I believe obtained his discharge --

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 27th day of March 1824. S/ John Chambers S/ Wm Haynie

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Whereas I the said William Lytle Captain in the Continental Troops of the North Carolina line in the revolution war, I the said W. Lytle belonging to the 6th Regiment then the 4 Regiment and then the 1st Regiment do affirm and hereby testify that I so believe from and by different circumstances that this is the identical George Roper that served in Captain Sharpe Company of the North Carolina [line] I well recollect of the name of Roper and positive of Roper's serving in the regular line and I were in the Battles at the Eutaw Springs and at Guilford. Sworn under my hand this day of December 1823---and Drury Nobles also I recollect of to see in the Troops a regular Sold^r.

S/ Capt. Will Lytle, Latt [sic, Late?] Capt. Col. [illegible]

[fn p. 21: on November one, 1838 in Jefferson County Illinois veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the state of Illinois his having removed there to be with his only child, David Roper.]