

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Cashwell S9153

VA

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State of Virginia, Amherst County to wit.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Amherst now sitting Henry Cashwell a resident of the State of Virginia in the County of Amherst, aged seventy five in the coming October, 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 7th 1832. That he entered as a militia man in the service of the State of Virginia, in the fall of 1779. and was marched directly on from the County of Amherst to the County of Albemarle under the command of Captain John Sale, where he remained three months in guarding British Prisoners at the Barracks. there was a large number of British Prisoners at that place, made up principally of of Burgoyne's Army [captured at Saratoga NY, 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781]. at the end of three months, which was the time for which he was then called into service, he obtained his discharge from Capt John Sale and returned to his home in the County of Amherst. He was again called on to perform another tour of Militia duty, and in February 1781 he was marched under the command of Captain John Franklin from the County of Amherst to the State of North Carolina. he was marched there in order to join General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army, but did not effect a junction until the day after the battle of Guilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] though he was within about ten miles of Guilford during the battle and heard the report of the cannon, and he thinks they might have reached there in time to have participated in that battle if they had pressed on with becoming alacrity. On his joining General Greens army the company to which he belonged was placed under the command of Captain Younger Landrum of [Gen. Edward] Lawson's Brigade and Colo John Holcombs [sic: John Holcombe's] Regiment. During this tour of service which was three months he acted as orderly Sergeant. After he joined Greens Army he remained at Deep River near the South Carolina line he then returned home and in August 1781 he performed another tour of Militia duty as orderly Sergeant under the command of Colonel Hugh Rose of the Virginia Militia. his services in this tour consisted of taking charge of, and escorting from Amherst Court House of a small body of British prisoners and delivering them on board a British vessel then lying in James River below James Town. this tour lasted three months and a few days, at the end of which he again returned to the County of Amherst and was not again engaged in the War of the Revolution.

The first tour of duty which he performed, being that in which he was employed in guarding the British Prisoners at the Barracks in Albemarle County, he held the post of Corporal. In the several tours of duty herein before mentioned, he was a drafted militia man. He recollects seeing the following regular officers during the time he was attached to Genl Greens army towit Genl Green Colo [John] Green Colo [William] Washington and Colo [Henry] Lee of the troopers. when he was stationed at the Barracks in Albemarle he recollected seeing the following officers. Colo Will Taylor [sic: Francis Taylor], Capt [Thomas] Porter & Capt Rice and Capt John Sale. That he has no documentary evidence proving his service and is compelled to rely upon the testimonials of a few living witnesses who know of his services and whose certificates are hereto attached.

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

Henry Cashwell

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

And the Court then proceeded to put the interrogatories prescribed by the War department in the following manner Viz

1. When and in what year were you born. I was born in Amherst County in the State of Virginia in 1757.
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it. I have my age recorded in a family bible at

home.

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

I lived in the County of Amherst when called into service. I have lived in the County ever since and still live there.

4. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? and if a substitute for whom?

In every tour I served I was a drafted militia man.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

I recollect Genl Green, Colo Green, Colo Washington, and Colo Lee and Genl Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], when I was attached to Greens Army in Carolina. I recollect Colo. Taylor, Capt. Porter, Capt Rice and Capt. Jno Sale at the Barracks in Albemarle County and I was under the command of Colo. Hugh Rose when I marched with the British Prisoners from Amherst to the British vessel below James River.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

I received my tickets of discharge. one was signed by Capt Landrum and by Capt Sale, and the other by Colo Hugh Rose. these tickets have been lost or mislaid.

7. State the names of persons by whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Benj'n Higginbotham [Benjamin Higginbotham, pension application S5542], William Hartless [S5498], William Lavender [W8080] and William Cashwell [W3771].

NOTE: William Cashwell certified all the service of Henry Cashwell. Bartlett Cash [W4649], Philip Smith [R9830], William Hartless, and Benjamin Higginbotham certified the service in North Carolina in 1781. William Lavender certified the tour at Albemarle Barracks.