

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Francis Hawley W163
Transcribed by Will Graves
[Spelling corrected]

State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: September Term 1832

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Edward Scott, Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for said county now sitting Francis Hawley a resident of Sullivan County & State of Tennessee, aged seventy ____ [blank in original] years who being duly sworn according to law doth and on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed Jan 7th 1832.

That in the year 1779 he was a resident of Stafford County Virginia & substituted for three months Tour in the place of Abraham Breedwell And enrolled under Capt Pelcher [?] as well as recollected. Joined Colonel Garrard's Regiment in said County Lieutenant Colonel Phillips & Maj Armistead was then marched to the northern neck of Virginia, from there to Falmouth from there to Hunters Forge, from there to Fredrickburgh then back near the Raccoon ford on the Rappahanock River where Lord Cornwallis' army was crossing which had crossed previous to the arrival of the American troops at that place, where this declarant was verbally discharged by what particular officer he does not now recollect. After having served three months as above stated, he states that he was under General Wedon or Wheaton [sic, George Weedon] during said tour he states that he was discharged as above with positive instructions to be ready at a minutes warning. Shortly after he returned home from said three months tour, he was drafted in the County of Stafford in the state of Virginia to serve a three months Tour he was placed under the same officers as before Stated and marched to the mouth of Potomac creek to prevent the British from landing, their Fleet being in view. When he served out his term of enrollment, was verbally discharged and returned home after having served full three months as aforesaid. He states that in the fall of 1780 as well as now recollected he substituted in the said County of Stafford for the term of three months in the place of Henry Basset, enrolled under Capt Wells. Was put to opening & clearing out a road for General Washington's army & the French army to pass with their artillery when marching to the south against Lord Cornwallis. & continued in the aforesaid service for the full term of three months. When he was verbally discharged by his said Capt Wells. He states that shortly after he returned from said last tour he again was drafted in the said County of Stafford Virginia & enrolled under Capt Barnes for a three months tour, was attached to (Colonel) General Weedon's Brigade. Colonel Garrard's regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Phillips & Maj Armistead, was marched to Fredrickburgh to guard said place against the British & Tories where he remained for the full Term of three months, was verbally discharged by His said Capt Barnes and returned home to Stafford County Va. He states that in the latter part of the fall or winter of 1781 as well as recollected he was again drafted in the said county of Stafford enrolled under Capt Brim or Prim was marched near Fredrickburgh under Capt Brim or Prim & Lieutenant Brooks, where he was put to guard the prisoners taken at York at Lord Cornwallis' surrender, to Winchester in Va which duty he performed dismissed or verbally discharged by the said Capt Brim or Prim with orders to be in readiness to again march at one minutes warning. He was never again called into service he states that he believes he served in all in the war of the Revolution, fifteen months & he and others served as substitute for twelve months in addition to his said fifteen months service as above stated. He has no documentary evidence of his service, that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

M. Anderson Clerk

Francis Hawley