

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Solomon Geren (Gearen, Geron)W80 Eleanor fn113NC
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State of Tennessee, Roane County: Circuit September Term 1832

On this 15th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit now sitting for the County of Roane it being a Court of Record, Solomon Geren aged about 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law makes upon oath the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 that in the year 1777 he took the State Oath in North Carolina Randolph County he was then 16 and volunteered into the service of his country in Captain Clark's Company, Reuben Wood, Lieutenant, Simeon Gereen [sic] Ensign and was attached to a Regiment of N. C. Militia, Colonel's name forgotten, marched from Randolph to Charleston South Carolina, no particular circumstance occurred during this term of service, applicant served five months and was discharged at Charleston S. C. by Lieutenant Wood the Captain being sick this discharge has been destroyed many years since. Returned back home to Randolph N. C. he again volunteered in the service of his country in the year 1778 under Captain McLane, Lieutenant Crabtree, and was attached to a Regiment of N. C. militia Colonel's name forgotten marched from Randolph N. C. to South Carolina to Rugeley's mill before we arrived at that place applicant was transferred to Captain Bladsaw's [sic, probably Capt. Lewis Bledsoe's] Company who was from Wake County N. C. marched from Rugeley's mill to attack the enemy at Camden commenced our line of march in the night we met the Enemy about half way between the Rugeley's & Camden, who was commanded by Lord Rawdon¹ General Gates commander of our troops we engaged them and was defeated, in this engagement General Williams was wounded on the next morning General DeKalb a Frenchman was badly wounded, seen General Marion there he (Marion) was not in the engagement as applicant was informed but was sent by General Gates to Cooper River to destroy the water crafts to prevent the Enemy's escape, but we were defeated and the American Army dispersed in every direction and this applicant returned home to Randolph County N. C. after serving three months this was in the year 1778² applicant received no discharge this time, immediately after his return home he again volunteered in the service of his country under Captain Hinds in the Regiment of N. C. Militia under Colonel Luttrell [sic, Luttrell] and marched to the Yadkin River in pursuit of the Enemy under Lord Cornwallis, we had a little skirmish with the enemy under the aforesaid Cornwallis, Colonel Luttrell was the only commanding officer, we retreated east of the Yadkin where we made a halt – in order to prevent the Enemy from crossing & succeeding the enemy marched up the River to a place called the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin where they crossed the River, we marched back into Randolph N. C. where this applicant obtained a furlough to go home where he staid 10 days and again joined his company, it was during his stay at home the battle was fought at Guilford Applicant stood up in his Father's yard and heard the cannon war in the battle, applicant was then transferred from his own Company to Captain York's company, he served under the aforesaid Captain Hinds 12 months before he was transferred to Captain York's company, shortly after he was transferred he was taken prisoner by the Tories and taken to a place called to Lindley's Mill in Chatham County N. C. and from there he was taken on by the Tories to O'Neal's race paths on the waters of Haw River where he was retaken from the Tories by Colonel Lee of Washington who commanded a company of Captain light-horse He served with Colonel Lee 11 days and was sent home by Colonel Lee in consequence of a wound he had received when he was retaken from the Tories, he again rejoined his company under Captain York in Randolph N. C., where we reconnoitered through the Country in pursuit of the Tories & served in that Station about three months this last service was in 1778 and was discharged by Captain York, this discharge has also been lost. Applicant was acquainted with the following regular officers, to wit

1 Sic, Lord Cornwallis, not Rawdon, commanded the British at Camden.

2 Sic, the Battle of Camden described by applicant occurred on August 15-16, 1780.

Captain Sharp, General Morgan, Colonel Washington & Colonel Lee, that he has no documentary evidence of his services but that he can prove his service by Isaac Wilburn³ & Ezekiel Craft⁴ of Madison County Alabama, applicant removed from Randolph County N. C. to what was then called Hawkins County N. C. but now Roane County Tennessee where he has resided ever since the close of the revolutionary war, 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.

Sworn to in open Ct. September 15, 1832. S/ Solomon Genen

S/ H. S. Purvis, D. C.

[Memthe ? Smith & Thomas Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On March 4, 1842, Eleanor Geron [sic], 81, filed in Roane County Tennessee for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Solomon Geron, a revolutionary soldier who fought at the battle of Camden and served under Captain William York at the time of the battle of Guilford; that she married Solomon on December 26, 1785: and that her husband died January 3, 1841.]

[Bible record:

Solomon Gearen was born December 28th 1761

Solomon Gearen and Elender Gearen was married December 26 1785

Sarah Gearen, daughter of Solomon Gearen and Elender Gearen, was born December 26, 1786

Samuel ...born March 28th 1788

Solomon...born March 2nd 1790

Simeon ... born January 10th, 1792

Silas ... born November 14th 1793

Andrew C.... born 2nd January

Jehu W.... born November

Hiram born November 1st 1801

Lydia ...born January 17th 1805

Claiborn .C...born June 25th 1807

Hiram was born November 15th]

[fn p. 16 marriage bond given by Solomon Geren and Samuel Owens for the marriage of Geren to Eleanor Owens, bond dated December 15, 1782, issued in Burke County, NC]

[Eleanor Geren died February 5, 1852, in Roane County, Tenn.]

United States –in the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Alabama sitting in Huntsville in Madison County – October 11, 1832

The Rev'd Ezekiel Craft, of the said County, aged 70 years, personally appeared in Court, and being duly sworn on his Oath declares – That Solomon Geron, who resides in Rowan County, in the State of Tennessee, was well-known to affiant in the year 1778 & subsequent years & is still well known to him – that said Geron was affiant's mess-mate in the tour of three months from Randolph County, North Carolina, under Captain Robert McLain, in General Richard Caswell's brigade commencing about May 1780 – marched with him to the Pedee [River] in South Carolina where they joined the General Rutherford, Major General Gates & the Count De Kalb – was with affiant at Gates defeat at Camden – was with offices in another tour of six months from the same County beginning in August 1780 in Captain John Hinds' Company of Colonel John Luttrell's Regiment – in which he said Geron was badly wounded & taken prisoner by the Tories – that said Geron afterwards served with

3 sic, Isaac Welborn or Wellborn FPA W6464

4 [Ezekiel Croft \(Craft\) S16739](#)

affiant in what was called the Randolph Regiment under Captain Hinds & Colonel Thomas Dugan for three months -- & from information from various persons engaged in the revolutionary struggle affiant believes that said Geron performed our low services -- & evinced throughout the order the perseverance the bravery & sacrifices which few surpassed in their efforts for liberty.

S/ Ezekiel Croft

Sworn to in open Court & subscribed the 11th of October 1832

S/ C. R. Clifton, Clk

Major Isaac Wellborn Senior of Madison County aforesaid, aged 74, & now in court & duly sworn, on oath declares, that the above named Solomon Geron entered the service of the United Colonies, in the County of Randolph North Carolina, in the above named tour in Captain Hinds' Company & Luttrell's Regiment with affiant – saw him after he was wounded -- & knows that he afterward was mustered in to the Randolph Regiment above referred to – That from affiant's own knowledge & information of many of his at & shortly after the period he believes said Geron served about five years in different tours during the revolution -- & rendered for the Country a continuous, arduous & valuable service --

S/ Isaac Wellborn

Sworn to in open Court & subscribed the 11th of October 1832

S/ C. R. Clifton, Clk