Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Hambel (Hamble) R4502 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Tennessee Jefferson County SS

On this 11th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions of said County of Jefferson Robert Hamble resident of the County of Jefferson State aforesaid aged eighty-seven 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 he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated. That he the said Robert Hamble at the age of twenty-six years, was drafted (first) for the term of three months, to wit on the __ day of __ 1774 (the month and day not recollected) at Lexington in the State of Virginia in Colonel Lewis is Regiment and in Captain Samuel McDowell's Company and from thence he was marched to the mouth of the Carnorway [Kanawha?] River, where he was in an engagement with the Indians, and after having served out the term of time for which he was drafted he was discharged at a place known by the Levels in Greenbrier County Virginia.

And afterwards to wit in the year 1775 as this declarant believes the precise day & date not recollected he was again drafted into the Service of the United States for two months to wit at Portsmouth in the State of Virginia under General Muhlenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg] and was in a company commanded by Captain James Buchannan, thence he was marched below Richmond where he was engaged in Several Skirmishes with the British & was then marched back to Richmond, Virginia where he was discharged having served the term for which he was drafted,

And afterwards to wit on the __ day of __ the day month & year this declarant does not recollect was drafted into the Service of the United States to wit at Lexington in the State of Virginia for three months, was attached to Colonel John Bowyers Regiment and the company commanded by Captain Gray, thence he was marched to Fredericksburg, thence to Richmond thence to Williamsburg & thence to little York where he was discharged having served three months making in all eight months, this declarant states that he never received a discharge for any of his Services as above stated.

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.

The following questions and answers were made by the Court now in session to wit Question Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in the County of Down Ireland in the year 1745, and immigrated to America at the age of 23 years.

Question. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer. I have no record of my age.

Question Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live.

Question. When I was called into the Service of the United States, I lived in Rockbridge County in the State of Virginia, within four miles of Lexington – After the Revolutionary War was over, I lived in the State of Virginia for eighteen months – thence I removed to Greene County

Tennessee where I resided fourteen years, thence he removed from Greene County Tennessee to Jefferson County Tennessee, where he now resides.

Question How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute for whom

Answer. I was drafted into the Service of the United States at each term of service.

Question. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, Such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your Service.

Answer. In my first tour of duty it was in Colonel Lewis's Regiment and in Captain McDowell's company, 2nd, under General Muhlenberg – & Captain James Buchannan, 3rd Colonel John Boyers Regiment and Captain Gray's Company –

Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it

answer. I never did receive a discharge from any of my Services

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior, your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer as to my character for veracity and good behavior I can prove it by the Reverend Andrew Gass and Valentine Vanhooser [?] and as to my services as a Soldier of the Revolution I have no person and that I know of to prove it.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & date above written.

S/ Joseph Hamilton, Clerk

S/ Robert Hambel, X his mark

[Andrew Gass, a clergyman, and Valentine Vanhoozer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On the first Monday in January 1855 in Jefferson County Tennessee, Alexander Hambel, one of the heirs and legal representatives of Robert Hambel made application for a pension under the 1832 act supplementing the application earlier made by Robert Hambel; the affiant states that he is the son and legal heir of Robert Hambel deceased; that his father was born in County Down in Ireland and immigrated to America landing at the City of Baltimore Maryland in 1771; that his father served in the Virginia militia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Andrew Lewis; that his father later served in the company commanded by Captain Tedford and another company commanded by David Gray and finally in a company commanded by Captain James Buchannan; that his father died December 6, 1838 in Jefferson County Tennessee leaving the following legal heirs, Andrew, Robert and Alenanon [Alexander?] him surviving (John, Jane, William, James and Elizabeth being dead at the time their father died).

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