Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of George Hammond R4553 fn16NC Transcribed by Will Graves rev'd 4/5/11

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State of North Carolina, Anson County

On this 14 day of November 1834 J. James Gordon one of the acting Justices of the Peace of Anson County at the house of George Hammond, he being very infirmed aged 84 years, he being duly sworn 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 was a volunteer and served in behalf of the United States; called out by the authority of the State of North Carolina; marched under Col. Thomas Wade of Anson County in Capt. Pattrick Boggan's [Patrick Bogan'] Company to keep under the Tories in Anson County & the adjoining county. He was a private and served with the horse troops, the month or year not recollected. He also served a tour under Col. Wade in Capt. Boggan's company of light horse march to South Carolina near Camden; there had a skirmish with the British grass [?] gard [guard]; that party fled, we then joined Gen. Gates' [Horatio Gates'] army a day or two before the Battle in Camden; was in the Battle at Gates' defeat and thinks he was in Gen. Caswell's [Richard Caswell's] Regiment but is not certain. Also was in service and served a tour in Capt. John Dejarnett's Company; marched to little Pee Dee River [Pedee River], then to court house in pursuit of British & Tories; the month or year not recollected. He deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less that six months in actual service. I have no papers to prove my service nor do I know of any person now living by whom I could.

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born. Answer. In the State of Virginia, Richmond County, February 25th 1750. Question 2. Have you any record of your age if so where is it.

Answer. Yes, in a family bible kept by my father of his children's ages.

Question 3. Where were you living when called into service, and where have you lived ever since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer. I lived in Anson County, North Carolina when called into service, and have continued to live there yet.

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

Answer. A volunteer.

Question 5. 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 & the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Gen. Gates, Col. Williams, Col. Wade, Major Hair, Capt. Boggan, Capt. Dejarnett, and Capt. Gimerson [? Jamison?]. There were militia officers at the time of my service, Gen. Gates was a Continental Officer.

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

Answer. I don't recollect ever receiving a discharge.

Question 7. State the names & persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a Soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Rev. Joel Gulledge, Burrel Horn, Benjamin D. Henry.

He hereby relinquishes ever claim to a pension what ever or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any State. The reason for not asking application sooner being in [illegible word] circumstances & not certain he was entitled to a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed this day & year above.

George Hammond, X his mark

[Joel Gulledge, a clergyman, and Burrel Horn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Anson County: Certificate of William Vaughan¹

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace William Vaughan & made oath that George Hammond was a Soldier in the revolutionary war and that the said Hammond was a friend to his country & that I remember being with him in the service in 2 or 3 Tours but how long the tours was I do not know, the troops at that time was commanded by Colonel Wade as well as I remember, and we were in pursuit of British & Tories the year not recollected – a volunteer was the service rendered by the said Hammond.

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¹ William Vaughan S9498

Sworn to & subscribed this 12th day of November 1834 S/ [paper torn first name missing] Gordon, JP S/ William Vaughan, X his mark

Amended Declaration of George Hammond a Soldier of the revolution in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace George Hammond a resident of Anson County State of North Carolina aged 87 years who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but that he served nine months in actual Service, called out by the authority of the State of North Carolina, served in Captain Boggans Company of horse in Colonel Wades Regiment. I served nine months under Captain Boggan in Colonel Wades Regiment. I done other Service under other officers, but the lapse of time prevents me from making a Statement thereof as may be seen by my former declaration made in 1834 as well as now recollected, he does not recollect the dates in which the service was rendered, but it was between the year 1777 and 80 for which service I claim a pension.

The reason for not making application Sooner after the declaration made in 1834, I was discouraged by being rejected, and had almost concluded not to apply any more but believing it is my right have come to a conclusion to make application again. I am not able by reason of bodily infirmity to travel to the courthouse not having been there in several years, neither have I been off my own farm but one for 4 years past.

Sworn to and subscribed this 5 day of March 1838 S/J. Gordon, JP S/George Hammond, X his mark [Reuben Phillips, a JP, and John Hill, clergyman, gave separate standard supporting affidavits.]

I William Vaughan of Anson County North Carolina a pensioner of the United States do certify that I have been well acquainted with George Hammond ever since and before the Revolutionary war. That he was a Soldier. We both served together, in Captain Boggans Company of horse in Colonel Wades Regiment, was a volunteer but to say how long we served together, I cannot, owing to the lapse of time & loss of memory, but he served 6 months in actual service and I think that is fair short of his real service rendered to the United States. This service was rendered about the year 1777 and 1780 as well as now recollected.

Sworn to and subscribed this 9th Day of March 1838 S/ Reuben Phillips, JP S/ William Vaughan, X his mark

[Note in file: "1852 Printed List of Rejected & Suspended claims shows following cause of rejection: 'Did not serve six months.'"]