Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lowden Harwell R4718 fn22NC
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State of South Carolina Marlborough District: Court of Common Pleas Fall Term 1832

On this the first day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas now sitting now sitting (before the Judge thereof) Lowden Harwell a resident of the State & District aforesaid: aged sixty-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 7th 1832. That he was born on the 13th day of May A.D. 1765 in Brunswick County State of Virginia that his age is recorded in a family Bible which is now at his own house in Marlborough District & State of South Carolina. He was living when he entered into service in Chatham County North Carolina. He lived about five years since the revolutionary War in Lancaster District South Carolina and ever since that in Marlboro District South Carolina where he now lives. He entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Jacob Duck, in a light horse company raised by Colonel Philip Allston [Philip Alston] & before Colonel P. Allston had completed his Regiment they were attacked at Colonel Allston's own house by the Tories commanded by Colonel Fanning in which engagement the Americans were defeated he remained with Captain Duck in Colonel Allston's Regiment about three months, then volunteered in Major Cage's Company General Butler [John Butler] commanding: (how long he remained in Major Cage's Company, he does not recollect) he then returned to Chatham Court House North Carolina & entered Colonel Washington's Troop, under Captain William Gouldson as a substitute in place of Charles Newton a regular soldier, during the time he was in Colonel Washington's Troop & soon after he entered the Troop, they attacked the Tories in North Carolina (at what place he does not now recollect) commanded by Colonel McDugald in which engagement the Tories were defeated & nearly all killed, then they marched to Fayetteville North Carolina from thence to New Bern where they remained a short time from thence they marched to Petersburg Virginia where they were stationed about a month, from thence Colonel Washington marched his Troop near the confluence of the Roanoke & Maherrin [Meherrin] rivers, then he obtained a furlough to go home for a short time, but he did not remain home a half hour, but immediately

joined Major Cage's company General Butler commanding officer: & soon after that the Americans under Colonel Mayburn [probably Robert Mebane] attacked the Tories commanded by Colonels McNeill & Fanning at Lindley's Mill on cane Creek near Haw River, in said engagement the Tories were defeated and a great many killed, then they pursued the same company of Tories towards Wilmington North Carolina met with the British & Tories at a place called the Brown Marsh near Wilmington the British & Tories attacked the Americans in the night, but were defeated with some loss, they then pursued them down to Wilmington but on their arrival in Wilmington they found that the British & Tories had embarked on the British Ships & sailed off, they (the Americans) then took the American prisoners, whom the British had left in Wilmington & carried them to Hillsboro North Carolina, he then went back to Colonel Washington's Troop, remained a short time & the term for which he had substituted as a regular Soldier expired, then received a discharge from Colonel Washington which said discharge is lost, the time from his entering Colonel Washington's Troop till he received a discharge, which 3 or 4 years. After receiving a discharge from Colonel Washington, he moved to South Carolina & joined, under Captain Claudius Pegues, General Marion's Army as a volunteer, he was in Marion's Army about three months, during which time Major Paine surrendered to General Marion, Peace was made & he was discharged. He has no documentary evidence of his service – but that John Haskew ¹ is living at this time, who, having served part of the time with him in Marion's Army can testify to his services. 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.

S/B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ Lowden Harwell

Lowden Harwell

John Haskew swears that he knew Lowden Harwell a Soldier in Marion's Army two months or more, and that he believes his declaration of his services to be substantially correct. Sworn to October first 1832

S/ Jno Haskew, H his mark

[Campbell Stubbs, a clergyman, and Joshua David gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Marlborough District

Personally appeared before me Lowden Harwell who on oath says that by reason of old age & 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 than the periods mentioned below at the times, places & under the Officers there stated.

In the year 1778 three months as a volunteer private under Captain Jacob Duck as marked "A" on Declaration.

In the year 1778 three months as a private in a company of mounted militia men commanded by Major Cage – raised for the pursuing the British & Tories in North Carolina where ever their presence might be necessary (marked "B" on declaration).

From this time to the year 1783 deponent served as a substitute as marked on declaration in Colonel Washington's Troops. Deponent believes that Washington's Troops belonged to the United States Army. If they did – he cannot prove his service by two witnesses as required &

¹ John Haskew S9350

will relinquishes claim to a pension for this Service. If they did: he claims a pension for four years service in Washington's Troops. All those persons who could be of any Service to him as witnesses are either dead or lived at such distances from him that he cannot avail himself of their testimony.

In the year 1783 3 months as a private in the militia under Captain Pegues in General Marion's Army, about the High Hills of Santee in South Carolina Lynches causeway & whatever the exigencies of the times required the presence of his Army. Thus making in the aggregate a Service of 9 months as a private in the militia, & of four years & 9 months if the Department should be of opinion that Deponent is entitled to draw for his Service in Washington's Troops without further evidence. And the said Harwell further swore that for the periods above mentioned he served with an embodied Corps called into Service as he believes by competent authority & for the times during which the services were performed he was not engaged in any civil pursuit & that he was either in the field or in Garrison.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year September 10, 1833 S/ James E David, JP S/ Lowden Harwell