

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Drewry Hembree R4855

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State of Tennessee, Campbell County

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October One thousand Eight hundred and thirty four, personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said County of Campbell, authorized to hold the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, the same being a Court of Record &c Drewry Hembree Aged seventy nine years and at his own house, he being a resident citizen of the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered in the month of August, One thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in Captain Joseph Warford's [sic, Joseph Wofford] Company in Spartanburg District, in the State of South Carolina, for three months against the Cherokee Indians. Thomas Elder was Lieutenant, the Ensign's name not now remembered. Col. Neil [sic, probably, Thomas or Andrew Neel] commanded the regiment. Had no engagement with the Indians, received a discharge and returned home.

The next summer and either in the month of June or July, as well as this applicant now remembers, he was drafted and served seven months in Captain Joseph Wofford's Company. He being the same captain said applicant served under the first tour of duty. Thomas Elder was again our Lieutenant. Col. White [probably Henry White] had command of the regiment, Thomas Brannam [sic, Thomas Brandon] was Major. All commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. Had several engagements with the Indians, the first battle was at Eastatoee where we defeated them. The second battle was at Tugalow [sic, Tugaloo] River, where we had a severe engagement and again defeated them. Our loss was about twenty killed beside the wounded. Had another engagement with the Indians in the mountains, our loss was there about thirteen killed and some wounded. We were not able to ascertain their loss, but suppose it was very considerable.

In the spring of the year and in the month of April, as well as this applicant can now remember, in the year one thousand seven hundred seventy nine or Eighty, he was again drafted for three months to go against the Indians in Captain William Bratcher's Company. Col. White commanded the Regiment. Farrow was Major. All under the command of General Pickens [then Col Andrew Pickens]. Were again marched against the Indians, had several skirmishes but no general engagements. Served three months, was discharged and returned home, making altogether one year and one month with services of the United States during the Revolutionary War. Said applicant states that from the great length of time and the consequent loss of memory he may be mistaken as to some of the dates, but as to the length of time he served and the services performed, he is not mistaken. Applicant states that he received a discharge for each tour of duty but they are lost. That he now has no documentary evidence,

nor does he know of any person living in this County by whom he can prove his services. And from his age and decrepit situation he is not able to travel from home in search of proof. Applicant states that he was born 12<sup>th</sup> December one thousand seven hundred and fifty five in Spartanburg District in the State of South Carolina. That he has no record of his age at this time. That he was living in Spartanburg District in the State of South Carolina when called into the service of the Unites States, that he now lives in Campbell County in the State of Tennessee. That he entered the service first as a volunteer and each of the other two tours was drafted. That he recollects of none of the regular officers, only from a historical account not having served with any of them. That the general circumstances of his services he has stated in his declaration. That he was discharged by his Captain for each tour of duty, but his discharges are lost. He refers to his neighbors and acquaintances generally for his character for veracity and truth, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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 and subscribed this day and year aforesaid, before me.

S/ Drewry Hembree, X his mark

S/ Doling Baker

Justice of the Peace

[Jacob Whitman, a clergyman, and Joseph Heavin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Applicant further states that in the Month of March 1781 he volunteered in Captain Burnett's company. The services performed was in guarding the frontiers to keep the Indians whilst the people made a corn. There was companies of Rangers placed along the frontiers. That marched from one Station to another, the highest officer in command upon that service was a Captain. John Goude-lock was Lieutenant and Robert McWhirter was Ensign in the company to which this applicant belonged. This applicant was in service at the Treaty with the Cherokee to at a place called the hen coop. Soon after the treaty the troops were discharged, peace having been restored between the Indians and White people. The above named service of three months added to the services stated in the foregoing part of this declaration, makes one year and four months in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War.

S/ Drewry Hembree, X his mark

State of Tennessee Cocke County: This day personally appeared Abraham Hembree<sup>1</sup> and made oath in due form of law before me James Holland one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County and says on his oath that he was well acquainted with him Drewry Hembree and was knowing to him serving a tower [tour] of duty under Captain Joseph wareford [Joseph Wofford] and first Lieutenant David Grimes second Lieutenant Thomas Elder in a campaign after the Indians under Colonel Neal [probably, Thomas or Andrew Neel] as near as I can recollect [indecipherable word] 55 or 60 years ago and also the said Drewry Hembree served another tower under Captain Burnet and also under John Gaudlelock Lieutenant and also under Ensign Robirt Mcmerter [Robert ?] in a tower after the Indians and also another campaign under General Williamson & under Colonel Thomas branham [Thomas Brandon] & Captain Wawfort & Thomas elder first Lieutenant & also the said Abraham Hembree is on the pension list and drawls his pay at the office at Knoxville this the 19th day of October 1835.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ Jas. C. Holland

S/ Abraham Hembree, X his mark

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