

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hamlett S13311

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Calloway County: Sct

On this 27 day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared before John Irvan, E. Hendy & R. E. Rowland Justices of the Calloway County Court now sitting John Hamlett a resident of said County of Calloway and Commonwealth aforesaid aged seventy-five on the 16th day of August 1832, 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 entered the Army of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was hired as a substitute by one Jesse Gilbert was drafted and entered the Service in the State Militia of North Carolina (in Montgomery County) about the 15th day of August 1777 under Captain John Culpeper, this applicant then being a resident of Montgomery County and State of North Carolina. He states that he marched with his Company to the Head of Catawba River & there the Company was discharged and the balance of the Regiment were sent on to the Cherokee Nation. He states that he was among the Number that was discharged. He states that the reason of the discharge of some of the Troops was a scarcity of provisions & not a demand for all the Troops. He states that he went out for three months tour and that he received a regular discharge in writing from his Captain John Culpepper but unfortunately for this applicant, he had his house burnt down & this discharge was destroyed. He states that David Love was the Colonel and James Roper was Commissary. He states that the next tour was for three months. He was drafted to go out against the Tories. He states that Thomas Thirdgill [sic] was Captain and Thomas Wade his Colonel. He states that he was in service the full time that he was drafted for and was generally up & down the Pedee River. He states that he received a regular discharge from his Captain but it was lost as his first discharge was. He states that during this service he passed through Anson County & in fact was there the greater part of this Tour.

He states that after his return he does not recollect how long – he was again called [several words overwritten and illegible] there being a call for troops against the Tories who were very troublesome. He states that he was drafted for 3 months & went out under Captain

Wilson – if he does not miss recollect his name – that he was marched to the mouth of Rocky River and was there employed in building a Fort together with his Company. He states that he does not recollect how long he was engaged in building the Fort – but after it was built he was engaged in carrying provisions to General Greene's Army at the Falls of Neuse River. He states that all his Company was engaged in this business. There were no other officers than those above mentioned, not recollected.

He states that at this place he received a written discharge – but the same was destroyed as the others were – to wit by fire.

He states that after his return, he does not know how long – there was another draft & he was again drafted for 3 months – and went out under Captain [first name written over and obliterated, could be either "David" or perhaps "Isaac"] Harris and his Colonel was West Harris & the General was __ Rutherford. He states that he was marched in direction to Wilmington after the Tories who had directed their course towards that place to meet the British. He supposes that he was in about ten miles of Wilmington when peace was made – & he together with his company were disbanded & received a written discharge & marched back home. This discharge was destroyed as the others were. He states that he was engaged these tours in North Carolina & served in all 12 months – That all his discharges were burnt with his house – That these tours were from about 1777 till the close of the War. He does not recollect the dates of his drafts but knows that it was about 6 years from the time of his first service till the end of the War. The names of the officers above given are all that he recollects – he means that were over this applicant – He has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any living witnesses whose testimony he could procure to prove his services by – but his neighbors Isham Merryman, Edmund Taylor Senior, John Taylor, Timothy Taylor, Willis Turner & Charles Turner will bear ample Testimony as to his character for veracity. He states he was born in [several words overwritten and obscured but I believe it says "Charles City County"] Virginia and lived there till he was about 5 years of age – when he removed to Orange County North Carolina and lived there till he was about 13 years of age and then moved to Montgomery County where he lived till he entered the Service of the Revolution – he states he lived there till the year 1807 – & then removed to Stewart County in the state of Tennessee where he lived till the month of March 1831 – & thence he removed to Calloway County Kentucky where he now lives.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatever.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid
S/ Wm Curd, Clk
S/ John Hamlett, X his mark
[Edmond Taylor & John Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]