

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Hammonds S30461

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State of Kentucky County of Perry to wit

On this 11th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Perry now sitting Peter Hammons a resident of the said County of Perry and State aforesaid aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath the following declaration 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 first entered the service as a drafted militia man in the Company of Captain Wooldridge; General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] Colonel Pacey [John Paisley?] & Major Sharp were the field Officers: he cannot say the year but he well recollects that while he was serving this Tour which was 3 months of hearing of the Battle at Kings Mountain & the defeat of Ferguson – That he joined the Army in about 12 miles of Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina where the Army remained some weeks & then marched near the South Carolina line at which place he remained until regularly discharged at the end of 3 months. That while they were lying near Salisbury with General Davidson's Army, General Butler came up with his Army –

That he again entered the service as a volunteer under the same Captain Wooldridge, Major Richmond Pearson & Colonel Pacey the Company proceeded to the Shallow Ford of the Adkin River [Yadkin River] after the Tories who had assembled at that place as there was a great alarm about them but before they reached there the Tories had been defeated by another Company – at which place it was understood that a Tory by the name of James Bryant with many others were killed; after that the Company marched in different directions in search of Tories, at the end of the 3 months they were discharged at Salisbury –

That he again entered the service as a drafted militia man and served under Captain Langham & Colonel Lock [Francis or Matthew Locke] frequently came to the magazine where the Company of Captain Langham were stationed as a guard for the Magazine at Frohawks Old

Fields not far distant from Salisbury North Carolina – at the expiration of this tour which was 3 months he was regularly discharged.

That he again entered the service, being drafted in Shenandoah County Virginia, they met below the white House under Captain William Riggins Captain Lieutenant John Leaf [John Leath] Colonel Netherton¹ & Major Denton and marched from there after being detained a while, into Culpeper County at which place he was discharged – the tour was 3 months – but they were dismissed by Major Denton a little before their times were out the Colonel not being there & Denton was afterwards arrested & broke for the Offense. He states that not knowing that his discharges would ever avail him anything they were not taking care of them have been lost – the year cannot be stated certainly but it is hoped that the circumstances stated will identify the time –

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 the day and year aforesaid

S/ Peter Hammonds, X his mark

John Hurst² personally appeared in Open Court & states that he was well acquainted with Peter Hammonds who has subscribed & sworn to the above Declaration & that he served with him the tour that he served under Captain Riggins. That the said Hammonds did serve as stated by him.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Henry Hurst³

Personally appeared John Hall in open Court & states that he lived near the Shallow Ford of the Adkin River at the time of the defeat of the Tories at that place & that the statement made in regard to it by Peter Hammonds above is true & that he is induced thereby to believe that the said Hammonds served as he says – Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Hall

[Daniel Duff, a clergyman, and Justice Bowling gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Commonwealth of Kentucky Knox County Sct

This day personally appeared Obadiah Hammonds⁴ of said County before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for the said County and made the following statement and subscribed the same being first duly sworn according to law – That he served in the Revolutionary War a tour of 3 months with Peter Hammonds that the said Peter Hammonds served as a drafted militia man in the Company of Captain Wooldridge – General Davidson Colonel Pacely & Major Sharp were the field Officers – That the said Peter & himself joined the Army about 12 miles of Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina where the Army remained some weeks & then marched near the South Carolina line – at which Stationed they remained until regularly discharged at the end of the 3 months. That the said Peter Hammonds again entered the service as a volunteer under the same Captain Wooldridge Major Richmond Pearson he thinks Colonel Pacely & ~~Colonel Locke~~, the Company proceeded to the Shallow Ford of

¹ FPA W5416 and Eckenrode lists a Maj. John Netherton. No such person is listed in McAlister.

² FPA S30504

³ I do not think this is the affiant's actual signature as the handwriting is identical to that of the affidavit.

⁴ FPA S2263

Adkin River after the Tories as there was a great alarm about them but before the Company reached there they had been defeated by another Company at which place it was understood a Tory by the name of James Bryant was killed, after that they were kept on the scout in different directions after the Tories; at the end of the 3 months they were dismissed at Salisbury. The said tours were in the year 1778 or 1779 as is believed by this deponent. That the said Peter Hammonds again entered the service of the United States being drafted and served under Captain Langham & Colonel Locke a tour of 3 months being a Guard of the Magazine at Frohawks [Frohock's] Old Fields not far distant from Salisbury North Carolina. That he the said Obadiah was knowing to the service of the said Peter by being occasionally at the spot with him – being himself in Captain Dowel's Company of Horse –

He also states that the first tour was at the time of Ferguson's defeat at Kings Mountain which is more certain than his belief of the year as before named; the news of the defeat was brought to us at night & the next day was a day of great rejoicing. The place of residence at the time of the above service of the said Peter & himself was in the County of Rowan North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned the 13th day of May 1833

S/ Obadiah Hamm[onds], X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]