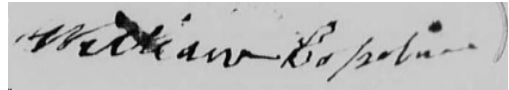


Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Copelin (Caplin) S31629 VA
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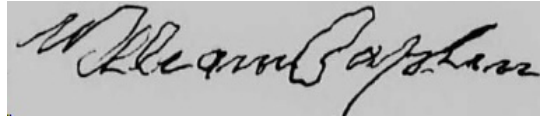
State of Georgia } on this twelfth day of October in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty two,
DeKalb County } personally appeared in open court before the Inferior court of the said county of
DeKalb, now sitting William Coplin a resident of said county & State aged seventy one years the twenty
sixth day of January last, 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 the 7th 1832
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein
stated. In the year 1778 or 1779 he was drafted & entered the service under Capt [Gideon] Spencer an
officer of the Militia Genl Loson [sic: Robert Lawson] Chief commander and marched from his residence
in (Virginia Charlotte County) to little Roanoak [sic: Roanoke] Bridge in said county and from thence to
Prince Edward Courthouse in said State & served there a tower of six months the time for which he was
drafted [see endnote], & then received a written discharge from Genl Loson, he states the company he
was in was numbered and served alternately and their duty was to guard the magazine at Prince Edward
Courthouse in Virginia. he states he served part of his time under the command of Col John Holcomb [sic:
John Holcombe] and Major [John] Overstreet. he states he was in no engagements during the revolution.
and he states as well as he recollects he was in the fourteenth or fifteenth Regiment. he states he has no
record of his age. he states he served as well as he recollects about twelve months. he has no documentary
of evidence of his having served but has the certificates of two persons which is hereto annexed. 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 aforesaid



State of Georgia } on this Eighth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and thirty three
DeKalb County } personally in open Court before the Inferiour Court of the said County of
DeKalb, now sitting William Copelin a resident of said County & State aged seventy three years the
twenty sixth day of January last born in the year 1760 who being first duly sworn according to law doth
on his oath make the following declaration in addition to the one made in October last in order to obtain
the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. – that he entered the service of the United
States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. In the year 1777 he was drafted and
entered the service as a private under Captain Gidden Spencer an officer of the Militian Genl Lasen Chief
commander and marched from his residence in Virginia Charlotte County and from thence to Prince
Edward Courthouse in said State & served a tour there of six months the time for which he was drafted
and received a written discharge from under the hand of Genl Lasen which has long since been
destroyed. he states the company he was in was numbered and served alternately and their duty was to
guard the Magazine at Prince Edward Courthouse in Virginia – he further states he served part of his time
under the command of Col John Holcomb and Major Overstreet. he states in 1777 he entered the service
as a private as above stated & was in the war frequently from that time until the close, he states the
company he was in was divided and ordered to hold themselves in readiness provided they should be
called into service he states he was no engagement during the revolutionary war – and he further states he
was in the fourteenth or fifteenth regiment. he states that he has no record of his age but his father has
which he has seen since he made the first declaration in October last by which it appears as above stated
that he was born in 1760 and that he was seventy three years of age the twenty sixth of January last. he

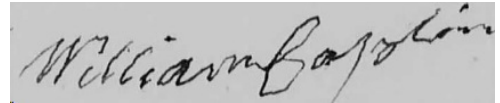
further states he served at least twelve months he further states he has no documentary evidence of his service. nor is there any living witnesses residing in said County or any other place whose testimony he can procure at the present time as the witnesses whose affidavits he had before has removed who can testify as to his service or knew him while in the service. And the declarant further states that he is well acquainted with Henry G Slaughter Stephen Hightower Jephtha V George Simeon Williams Sally Choice John Choice who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief as to his services in the revolutionary war.

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



Georgia } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for
DeKalb County } said County William Coplin who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he can not 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, and in the following grades. For six months in the year 1777 I served as a private in the militia of the State of Virginia in the service of the United States part of which time I was in the field in the army at Little Roanoak bridge, and the balance of the said term of service I was kept guarding the magazine at Prince Edward Courthouse during the above period I was with an embodied corps called out by authority of the United States and I was not during said period engaged in an civil pursuit, and for such service I claim a pension

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th day of
January 1834



NOTES:

Drafts in the militia of Virginia were nominally for no more than three months.
On 1 March 1834 Colson Coplin or Copelan certified the service of William "Coplin."