Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Asa Morgan S31870 GA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

The State of Alama [sic] }
Limestone County }

On the 15th day of May 1832 personally in open Court before the judge of the County Court of the County of Limestone state of Alabama now sitting Asa Morgan a resident of said County aged seventy two 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 7 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated, That on the first of June 1778, he then living in Wilk's County [sic: Wilkes County] State of Georgia was drafted into the company of militia of said State commanded by Captain George Bagley and John Autry first lieutenant & Zackiriah Henderson [Zachariah Henderson] 2nd Leuitenant, in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Dooley [John Dooly], Lieutenant Colonel Elijah Clarke & Major Russel Smith [Russell Smith; probably Burwell Smith] that after being mustered into service in said Regiment he was marched to Carr's Fort on the frontiers of Georgia next to the Cherokee Indians & there stationed with his said company only, that he was thus stationed & from the time of reaching said Fort, did garrison duty nine months, that he received paper money for his pay whilst there & for all his subsequent services, which was so depreciated as to be of little value. That whilst stationed at said fort Savanah was taken & first occupied by the enemy [sic: Savannah, 29 Dec 1778]. That after his said sevice of nine months in said Fort he was dismissed but rec'd no written discharge. That whilst stationed at said Fort, he was under the command of two other Captains, to wit, Robin Carr [probably Robert Carr], & Wm Hammett [William Hammett, pension application R4528]. That in May 1779 he was again drafted into said company then commanded by Captain Micajah Williamson & for some time stationed at Colerain fort [Colerain Fort on St Marys River], & then marched with the regiment aforesaid under Colonel Dooley to attack Savanah but was turned back at Briers Creek [sic: Briar Creek] in consequence as he understood of the enemy being reenforced at Savanah. That the Troop with whom he served under Colonel Dooley got some cannon at Briers creek which they carried with them back. That upon their return to said Coler-ain Fort, part of his company were employed in building Williamson Fort & the others engaged in raising corn for them but that they all received the same pay. That he served as a private in all these duties as aforesaid seven months & was then dismissed without any written discharge That in January 1780 he was Drafted into said company & said Regiment under the same officers & marched to the lower parts of Georgia where they captured & dispersed many of the Tories & that he then & there served three weeks as a private mounted man. That again in April 1781 he was drafted into said company which was then commanded by Colonel George Dooley, his first having been previously killed by the Tories [John Dooly, brother of George Dooly, murdered in Aug 1780] to what was then called the second seege of Augusta that he was there during the siege & capture of Augusta [Battle of Fort Grierson, 23 May 1781 and siege of Fort Cornwallis, 24 May - 1 Jun 1781] That General Elijah Clarke commanded on the Georgia side of the river at Augusta & General [Andrew] Pickens on the South Carolina side, But that Augusta did not surrender untill Colonel [Henry] Lee arrived with his light horse & regulars, that Major Eaton commanded the regulars at seege and was there killed [Pinketham Eaton of North Carolina, 23 May]. that he saw & knew said Lee & Eaton. That he served as a private on this tour of duty, two months. That in July or August 1781 he was again drafted into said company, as a mounted man commanded by said Captain John Autrey & marched with the troops under Major Cunningham against the Cherokee Indians but returned after ten days & after sending their horses home was stationed at Autrey's fort [Autry's Fort] untill the October following when he was again marched against the Cherokees on the Tugelo river [sic: Tugaloo River] & after driving the Indians thence returned & was stationed at Williamsons Fort, untill November, when he was marched to the neighbourhood of Savanah

as a mounted man where he joined the troops under General Twigs [sic: John Twiggs] & was then ordered back & dismissed, that he served on these various duties, two months as a mounted man & four months as a private doing post duty. That again on the first of January 1782 he was drafted into said company under the command of said John Autrey & stationed at Williamson's Fort on account of the Indians & then marched & stationed at Autrey's Fort where he remained doing Garrison duty untill September 1782 when he was finally dismissed without any written discharge. That he was stationed at these forts on these last tours of duty to guard against the Indians & served Eight months as a private doing Garrison duty, on this service.

That he served in all in the manner above stated two years & four months as a private (footman) & four months & three weeks as a private mounted man & received pay in paper for the whole of that time. That he was born in Onslow County State of North Carolina in the year 1761 as he has frequently heard his father say but has no record of his age.

That after the revolutionary war, he lived twenty Eight years in Georgia thence moved to Tennessee where he lived nine years & then moved to Limestone County State of Alabama where he has ever since resided & still resides. That he has no documentary evidence of said service never having rec'd any written discharge & knows of no person living by whom he can prove his said sevice. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He refers to Rev'd Jeremiah Tucker & Daniel Coleman to prove his character

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NOTES:

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Elijah Bankston (Banckston) in his pension application R478 stated that Williamson's Fort was in Wilkes County, but I could not find the exact location. Nor could I locate Autry's Fort. These forts were probably the reinforced homes of Captains Williamson and Autry.