Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Faulkenberry S3350 SC Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 19 Dec 2014.

State of Tennessee }
Rutherford County }

On this 6th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me John W. Conly Esquire, an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee, David Faulkenberry, aged, as he thinks, eighty five or eighty six 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 the 7th 1832. he the said David being a resident of the county of Rutherford aforesaid.

That he entered the service in behalf o the United States some time before the engagement took place at the Hanging rock in South Carolina, but he cannot state in what year or month [6 Aug 1780]. At the time he entered the service, he lived in Cashaw [sic: Kershaw] County South Carolina. He was a drafted malitia man, and entered the service in Captain John Caneston's [possibly John Kennington] company, but he cannot remember the names of any of the other of his company officers. He belonged to the regiment of Malitia commanded by Col. Joseph Cashaw [sic: Joseph Kershaw], and he thinks Gen. [Andrew] Williamson had the command of the troops to which he belonged. He was in the engagement at the Hanging rock, but he cannot remember any of the particulars of his service, or through what country he marched. He served he thinks five or six months during this tour, and was then discharged and returned home. How long he remained at home, he cannot state, but after some time he was again drafted, and served another tour of five or six months. On this tour he was under the same Captain as in the first tour and he thinks Col. Cashaw again commanded his regiment. He cannot remember any thing about his other officers, except as to the General commanding officer, and he cannot remember distinctly about that. He has some recollection that during some part of his services he was in General [Thomas] Sumter's army, but at what period, he cannot undertake to state positively. He was in the army at Gates' defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] but cannot remember which tour of his service it was He was not directly engaged in the battle, but was detailed as a guard to take care of the baggage wagons, and was Searjant of said guard. He does not remember at what time he was discharged, but thinks he received a written discharge both tours he served. His discharges he has lost long since; he thinks he lost them both at the same time.

He does not know when he was born, nor has he any record of his age. When he entered the service, he lived as already stated in Cashaw County South Carolina, and continued to live there eighteen or twenty years after the war; he then removed to & lived several years in Clark [sic: Clarke] County Georgia, from whence he removed to Rutherford County Ten. where he now resides and has resided since the year 1808. He cannot state the names of any of the officers in the regular service, or any thing about any continental or malitia regiments, except the one to which he belonged.

He is acquainted with William Pau, Randolph B. Hall, David Hall, Samuel Fulks and others in his neighborhood, who he believes will testify as to his character for viscity [sic: veracity], and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He has no documentary evidence of his services and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

David hisXmark Faulkenberry

This 6th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me John W. Conly an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee, Jacob Faulkenberry, aged about Sixty-two years, who being first sworn according to law, doth upon his oath state that he is the son of David

Faulkenberry, the applicant in the foregoing declaration, that the services of his father as a soldier in the revolutionary war are connected with his earliest recollections, that he has always understood from his father & others that he did serve as a soldier, and he has heard him, when in the full vigour and perfect exercise of his memory, give a circumstantial detail of his services. He has a personal recollection that after Gates' defeat, his father was ordered as he supposes to collect all the public property that could be found scattered through the country by the retreating army, and that he did collect and bring guns, baggage &c. and bring in, in considerable quantities to be disposed of according to such directions as might be given by the authorities of the United States. His father is very old, and extremely infirm. His recollection has so much failed that he can scarcely remember events now passing around him an hour after they have taken place. And his recollection of his services has become exceedingly imperfect, so much so, that at times he cannot remember any thing about it until some particular circumstance in relation to them is mentioned. He is a cripple in both his hands, which affiant has a recollection was produced at his own house by the tories, on account of his attachment to the whigs, by cutting him to pieces with their swords. He was also wounded by a ball at the same time, which is now in his arm.

Jacob hisXmark Faulkenberry

The amended declaration of David Faulkenberry, in order to obtain a pension for his services as a soldier of the Revolution, under the provisions of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, an acting Justice of the Peace for the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee David Faulkenberry, who, being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swer positively as to the pricise length of his services, or the time at which they were preformed; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than than the periods mentioned below, in the following grades, and at the times as mentioned below. For five months I served in Capt'n. John Canerton's company as a private soldier, and as I believe in the year 1781 For five months I served in Capt'n. John Canertons company as a private soldier and I believe in the year 1782 for which time, being ten months in all, I claim pension.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of June 1833

David his Xmark Faulkenberry