## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Emmert S38680 VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Court of please and quarter sessions for the County aforesaid and First State of Tennessee } Carter County Judicial District; This day personally appeared George Emmett aged sixty one or thereabouts resident in the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" That he the said George Emmett did enlist in the County of Berkley [sic: Berkeley] in Shepherdstown in Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain John Stith who was under the command and direction of Col William Bailey of the third ridgement of Draggoons [sic: George Baylor of 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons] who was taken prissioner at Tappan in the Jerseys [Old Tappan NJ, 28 Sep 1778] that he the said George Emmeret did continue to serve in the beforementioned Corpse for the term of three years when he was discharged in the year Eighty on the sixteenth of September as well as he now recollects and that he the said George Emmert was discharged by William Washington who was then lieutenant Colonel the first battle this deponant states he was in was the battle of Hattenfield [sic: Haddonfield NJ, 1 Mar 1778], he further states that he was in several engagements with the british horse; at Jarmantown [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] & Philadelphia, he states that he was in the battle of Monmouth in the Jerseys [28 Jun 1778] he states he was in the battle of Toppon where he received a wound through the left breast and also two wounds on the head; the next engagement this deponant states he was in was at Stono on a little river named Whappoo, South Carolina [sic: Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779 about 5 mi W of Wappoo Cut] at Monks Corner likewise in the same state [sic: Moncks Corner SC, 14 Apr 1780]

he likewise states he was in the battle of Lanoes on Santee [sic: Leneud's Ferry on Santee River near Jamestown SC, 6 May 1780]

This deponant further states that he has no way of proving his said service than by his own oath that the discharge he received when leaving the the service of the United States not knowing that it would ever be of any use to him is now lost or so mislaid that it is out of his power to produce it, he further states that he has never re'd any pension from the United States. This deponant further states he has never been out of the united state since he was in the service of the same; that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in absolute need of assistance of his Country for support. That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services gorg. Emment

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 11th day of August 1818

State of Tennessee } May Sessions 1819

Be it remembered that on this day being the 11th day of May 1819 appeared in Carter County open Court the subscriber George Emmert late a private in the army of the revolution and being desirous of availing himself of the provisions of an act of Congress of the United States entitled an act to provide for certain persons who were engaged in the Land & navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary war and after first being duly sworn made & subscribed the following declaration in open Court towit that he the said George Emmert in the year 1777 in the month of September as well as now recollected he enlisted into the continental service at Shepherds Town Bartly County State of Virginia under Edward Conner Ensign (or Cornet in the horse) for and during the term of three years, being the third regiment of Light Dragoons of the Virginia line which was commanded at that time by Col William Bayler or (Bailey) that he served under said Colonal untill s'd Bayler was taken prisoner [at Old Tappan, 28 Sep 1778] at which time then Major William Washington of the second regiment was promoted to

Lieutenant Colonal of the said third regiment to which this deponant belonged that he served in said third Regiment then called Washingtons regiment the full period of his enlistment and obtained an honourable discharge at Hallifax [sic: Halifax] State of N Carolina from said Regiment by said William Washington Lieutent Colonal that he kept said discharge for many years and untill by accidental destruction with his other old papers he has it not in his power now to produce it he further states that he was in many engagements during his said service amongst which was Hattenfield in Jersey, Monmoth, Tappon Jersey, Monks Corner, and several other engagements in the south

he would also state that he has never been placed on the pension list of the united states altho he was very badly wounded at Monks Corner & Jersey that he is very much reduced in his circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he is destitute of proof at this time to establish his servitude but hopes the Rolls will verify the same George hisXmark Emmert [An attached certificate states that Emmert made this application because he feared the previous one had been lost.]

[August 1819] I James King [VAS1075] late of Sullivan County and State of Tennessee now of Jefferson County state aforesaid do certify on Oath That George Emmert the present Applicant was a private in the third Reg't of Light Dragoons Commanded by Colo. George Baylor that he was Desperatly wounded in Sept'r. 1778 in the Bloody Massecre near Tappan in New Jersey that he returned to duty and that I knew him in Service untill August 1780 at which time I was Acting as Q. M. Sargeant to said Reg't Lt. Colo. William Washington then Commanding

District of Washington ss. August Sessions 1820 Carter County

ON this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said district & county George Emmert aged sixty three years, resident in Carter in said district & county, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: towit on or or about 15<sup>th</sup> September 1777 he enlisted into the 3<sup>d</sup> Regiment of Virginia line (of Dragoons) commanded by Gen'l. Pulasky [sic: Kazimierz Pulaski; see endnote] & William Washington was Lieutenant Col who succeeded Col Bayley, and served three years the time of enlistment in s'd 3<sup>d</sup> Regiment and was in the Battles of Monmoth and several of the southern engagements and at Monks corner

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Towit on old horse one old mare and colt, two cows, and five young calves, and yearlins, thirteen head of young hogs, that he has also contracted for two hundred acres of mountain land for himself & son for which he has no title, and for which, he owes upwards of one hundred dollars that he has a wife and has had thirteen children, six of which very small are now living with him; and that owing to his wounds in the army and the indisposition of his wife, he is dependant upon his pension for support, that he obtained his certificate of pension for indigence which issued on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1820 and is of No 16.925

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## NOTES:

Emmert may have served in Pulaski's Legion at the Battle of Stono Ferry, but that legion was organized in 1778 independent of Baylor's Regiment of Dragoons.

A letter in the file dated 23 Jan 1845 refers to Elizabeth Emmert as Administratrix of the estate

of George Emmert.