Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Day S39416 VA
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State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

By the Honourable Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the State aforesaid.

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting. Know ye, [that] William Day of the Dis't. of Abbeville, & State of South Carolina, planter, did this day appear, & made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that he entered the Army of the United States of America in the Continental Establishment in the Revolutionary War, on or about the third of March Seventeen hundred & seventy seven, under Capt. Hawkins [Moses Hawkins BLWt1449-300] of the 14th Reg't. Infantry, commanded by Col. Lewis [Charles Lewis VAS901] & that he served three years, the time for which he enlisted. During which time he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. He further swears that during the service he rec'd. a severe injury that in his advanced period of life incapacitates him from manual labour. He obtained his discharge from Col. Webb [John Webb BLWt2052-450] of Fredericktown [Frederick MD], which discharge (not thinking it important) is now in Virginia, which he is endeavoring[?] to obtain. [see below] He further swears that from his indigent circumstances, & ill state of health, that he needs the aid of his Country for a support.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

Personally appeared before me James Gains [James Gaines] who being swon saith that during the revolutionary war he served in the same regiment & company with the within named William Day in the continentlal establishment – that as well as this Deponent can recollect that the said Wm Day was transfered from the fourteenth to the fifth regiment in which last, this deponent thinks he served with him nine months or more.

James Gaines

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Sworn to this 4 of August 1818 before Ch's C Mayson J.P.

South Carolina } Before me personally appeared William Irby [R5492] and who being duly Laurens District } sworn saith that in the time of the revolutionary war he served in the same regiment with the within named William Day in the continental establishment, and that to the best of this deponants recollection the said William Day served the term of three years.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12th of august 1818.

The State of South Carolina, }

Pendleton District \} On this Twentysixth day of October 1820, personally appeared in open Court, in the Court of General Sessions of the peace Oyer and Terminer Assize and General Gaol Delivery being a Court of Record for the said District in the said State, William Day aged Sixty four

Years, resident in Pendleton District in South Carolina, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted under Lieutenant George Holland [VAS1571] of Captain Hawkins company of the Fourteenth Regiment Commanded by Colonel Lewis of the Virginia Line for the term of three years: served about six Months in it and was transfered or exchanged to the Fifth Regiment Commanded by Colonel Parker [Josiah Parker VAS130] and served there twelve months or more and in that time this Deponent was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, & Monmouth and served the Remainder of his time in the third Regiment of the Virginia Line, just before discharged was sent from Philadelphia under Colonel Webb to convey Prisoners to Fredericktown in Maryland. And was discharged by Colo. Webb there – Made an original declaration on the 26th day of August 1818. And received Pension Certificate No. 5357 dated 18th January 1819. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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, "One mare, one cow and calf, three small hogs, one plough, two old axes, two old hoes, one pot, one oven, one saddle, one bridle, one pair plough gears, on sett of earthen plates, two mugs, two bowls, three knives and forks, three chairs, one jug & one bottle. This Deponent saith that by means of a wound he received in his back in the Revolutionary war and his age he cannot follow his occupation as a farmer to do much towards his support, Son Reuben about sixteen years old, and Lewis aged Fourteen years who ought now to be sent to school and that he hath no other children living with him, and his wife is dead, and that he is hardly able to maintain himself in the most humble situation, and but for the assistance he gets from his friends and neighbours could not keep house at all

Sworn to and declared on the 26th day of October 1820 Wm. Day Before Abm Nott Presiding Judge

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Frederick Town, Maryland 21st of Jan'y 1780 Wm Day Soldier in the 3d Virg'a Reg't belonging to the Army of the United States of America having serv'd three years being the time of his enlistment is therefore discharged from the same.

John Webb Lt. Colo./ VR.

A Copy/ H. Randolph Del'd Colo Ro Coleman [undeciphered]