Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Mummy S4247 Transcribed by Will Graves

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The State of Ohio, Morgan County

On this 22nd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two, personally appeared in the open court at a special term of the Court of Common Pleas for Morgan County aforesaid, before the associate judges of said court, Christopher Mummy of said county, aged seventy nine years, who, being first duly sworn according to the laws, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832

That he served in a company commanded by Captain Samuel Teter [sic, Samuel Teeter's?] & Lieutenant George McConnel in the Virginia Line of troop. I served as a volunteer entering the service of the United States in August AD 1779 for six months, which term I served fully out. Shortly after my enlistment, I, with the troops to which I belonged, consisting of about nine hundred, to wit: three hundred regulars, two companies of volunteers & the balance of militia, all under the command of Colonel Broadhead [sic, Daniel Brodhead] & Lt. Col. Gibson [John Gibson], rendezvoused at Fort Pitt. Shortly after, he marched with the troops above mentioned, under the command of the officers just named, to the Munsee towns on the Allegheny River about two hundred miles above Fort Pitt. We there destroyed the towns after routing the Indians. We also destroyed nearly three hundred acres of corn, killed several Indians & took a large quantity of their property, consisting of a great number of copper kettles, some horses, furs & skins, a large quantity of scalping knives & plough irons, & other property not now recollected particularly. We were gone on this expedition about six weeks when we marched back to Fort Pitt, & from there we went into stockade forts for the purpose of guarding the frontier settlements. During the time we were in stockade forts, we, by turns, performed various scouts. During these scouts, we frequently took Indians & killed some. I do not recollect the names of any other officers than those above named. The time we were in stockade forts, I was stationed in a fort called Wells fort situated on a ridge between the waters of Buffaloe & Cross Creek in Virginia.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension of annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state." Where an in what year were you born?

I was born the second day of April 1753 at Germantown within seven miles of the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Have you any record of your age &, if so, where is it?

I have no record.

Where were you living when called into the service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, & where do you live now?

I was living in the State of Virginia in what is now called Brooke County, Virginia. I lived since the war a part of the time upon a farm belonging to Francis McGuire that was divided by the line between Virginia & Pennsylvania & which lays in Brooke County, VA. & Washington County, PA., a part of my time on each side of the line; thence to Alexander Wells farm in Brooke Co., VA.; & from there to Harrison County, Ohio were I lived eight years; & from thence to Morgan County, Ohio, my present residence, where I have lived about eight years

How were you called into the service?

I was a volunteer.

State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served.

I cannot recollect any but what I have above named.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behavior, your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

"I am acquainted with Alexander Simpson, John D. Rutledge, Esqr., John E. Hanna, Caleb Wells, William Hammond, Benjamin Talbott, but I know of no person but Charles D. Wells of Harrison County, Ohio by which I can prove my service.

S/ Christopher Mummey, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid S/S. A. Barker, C. pro tem C.C.P.M.C.

[Alexander Simpson & Benjamin W. Talbott gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Ohio Morgan County: Personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for Morgan County Ohio Charles D Wells of Harrison County Ohio who was by me first cautioned and duly sworn deposeth and says that he is personally acquainted with Christopher Mummy of Morgan County aforesaid, that deponent & said Mummy both in August in the year of our Lord 1779 entered as volunteers into the Service of the United States for six months in the Virginia Line. Shortly after their enlistment they both went with the body of troops to which they were attached consisting of about nine hundred men to wit three hundred Regulars to Companies of volunteers and the balance of militias all under the command of Colonel Broadhead and Lieutenant Colonel Gibson rendezvoused at Fort Pitt shortly after we marched with the above named troops under the Command of the officers just mentioned to the Munsey Towns on the Allegheny River about two hundred miles above Fort Pitt they there destroyed the towns after routing the Indians they also destroyed nearly three hundred acres of Corn killed several Indians & took a large quantity of plunder of the areas kinds. They were gone on this tour about six weeks when they returned to Fort Pitt where they remained about ten days & were marched back to the place from which they started & went into stockade Forts in which they continued for the purpose of guarding the frontier settlements. During the residue of the six months they performed various

scouts (in which they were employed the principal part of the time) in pursuit of the Indians West of the Ohio River. These scouts generally extended along Indian Wheeling Creek from thence to the Tuscarawas River near the Moravian Towns & from thence to the Sandy & the mouth of the Big Beaver & from thence generally crossing the Ohio at the Mingo Bottom home again that deponent and said mummy were both members of the same Company during said enlistment. The Captain who commanded the company to which he belonged during said enlistment was Samuel Teter & the Lieutenant George McConnell. That said mummy lived till within six or eight years in Harrison County of Ohio in the neighborhood of the deponent & that he removed to this County. That he knows of the said Mummy's having performed 6 months service in the Company & troops aforesaid and further deponent saith not.

S/ Charles D Wells 1

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

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