

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Elijah Hooten: S4388

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State of Tennessee}

White County} S.S.

on this 16 day of April 1834 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for said County now sitting Elijah Hooted or Whooten, a resident of said County aged about Eighty one 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, and served as herein stated.

He is old, and his memory frail: to the best of his recollection he entered the service as a private volunteer soldier, under Captain Edwards in Cumberland County North Carolina. he thinks this was some time in the latter part of the year 1779= his engagement was for twelve months, and he served it out. He was under the Command of General [Richard] Caswell: The troops to which he belonged joined General [Horatio] Gates on "deep River." at a place called "Cox's Settlement [possibly at Cox's Mill in Randolph County NC]." He remained with Gates army, until Gates' defeat near Camden [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. He was in that battle - and can relate many of the occurrences of the day - but it is deemed unnecessary. he will barely mention that his Captain & Lieutenant were both killed. his lieutenants name was Castor; this declarant was present, and near to his lieutenant when he was killed. His Colonel's name was Williams. His engagement as stated above was only for twelve months, but he remained in the service until the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], having joined General [Nathanael] Greene's army after Gates' defeat. his captain's name, (i.e. after the death of Edwards) he cannot remember. the troops were dispersed and scattered after Gates' defeat, which circumstance makes it difficult for him to remember his officers at Guilford. He was in that memorable battle, and received a severe wound, which disabled him so that he could not serve any longer. he was taken home to Cumberland County, and was unable to walk at the close of the war. The Scars, or indications of the wound, are at this day clearly to be seen, and inspected by the Court. it has occasioned him to be a cripple, ever since he received the wound, and will so continue to the day of his death. He cannot positively say, that he was in the service two years as a private soldier. He can however state that as his best impression and is positively sure of having served one year and six months - for which he claims a pension. He knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll agency of any state.

Answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department and propounded by the Court.

1st He was born in North Carolina, the County he does not remember - in the year 1753-

2nd He has no record of his age.

3. When called into service he lived in Cumberland County N.C. from there he removed to Grayson County Va from there to Kentucky near Scottsville - from thence to Warren County Tennessee, from thence to White County Tennessee where he now lives.

4 When called into the service he volunteered.

5 He had no acquaintance with any of the regular officers except He knew the Commanders in Chief.

6 He never received a regular discharge having been taken home from the field of Guilford badly wounded.

7 He refers to the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for Veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, there being no minister of the Gospel within his reach. viz. Shadrach Price- Jesse Bounds Jesse England, & William Mills. & William Bullock- & William Bounds. Elijah hisXmark Hooten

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the heirs of Elijah Hooten were given the last pension payment up to the date of his death on 11 Mar 1844.