

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Hastings S6975

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State of North Carolina County of Caswell: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this the 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Caswell now sitting Zachariah Hastings a resident of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina aged 81 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: To wit: In the first place, He declares that he was drafted as one of the militia of the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia in the month of August in the year 1777 as well as he recollects and belonged to a company commanded by one Captain Richard Win [Richard Winn]. The Regiment to which Captain Wins Company was attached was commanded by Colonel Evan Brocken [?]. The company to which this applicant belonged marched in the first place immediately from Amelia County to Gwyns Ferry on James River. He was accompanied in this Expedition by another company the officers of which however he has forgotten the names of. He only stayed at this place a few days and was discharged, and returned home. He has no written evidence of this discharge which he thinks took place about the first of September 1777. He knows of no man now living by whom he could prove the facts here stated. He must therefore rely upon his own oath. After this discharge he returned home and continued there until the month of April in the year 1781 when he was again called into service in the Company of Amelia County militia under the command of Captain Edward Mumford [Edward Munford]. On this occasion his Company together with another Company under the command of Captain John Dennis of Amelia aforesaid marched directly on from Amelia Court House to the City of Richmond where they met with and joined the forces under the command of General Lafayette; This applicant was taken sick at Richmond and in consequence obtained a discharge and returned home after having been in actual service for about six weeks. This discharge was received as he thinks about the middle of the month of May in 1781. He received a written discharge as he recollects but lost it in a short time afterwards. There is no one now living by whom he can prove the facts here alleged he has therefore rely upon his own oath, He remained at home from the time of this latter discharge until the month of September following when he again went into service. On this occasion he left home on the 4th day of September 1781 and joined headquarters at Surry old Court House Virginia on the 8th of the same month. He was commanded in this march on this occasion from Amelia to Surry C. H. by Captain Rowland

