Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Flinn W8818

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State of So Carolina } In the Common Pleas Edgefield District }

On this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-three: Personally appeared before me in open Court before me John S. Richardson one of the Judges of the State aforesaid now sitting in and for the District of Edgefield, William Flinn a resident of the Dist. and State aforesaid, aged seventy three 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 served as a private in the militia in Virginia under Col. Peachy [sic: Leroy Peachey] a tour of nine weeks (from old age and the loss of memory this deponent saith he doth not recollect the Capt. name that commanded the company he was in during that tour) the above tour was performed in the year 1779. He further saith that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780 as a private in a company of Virginia militia commanded by Capt Goodall [probably John Goodall of Amelia County], which said company was attached to a battalion commanded by Maj'r. [William] Boyce, belonging to a regiment commanded by Col. Falkner [sic: Ralph Faulkner], which constituted a part of a Brigade commanded by Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], which Brigade composed a part of the Southern expedition commanded by Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates. This deponent marched with his company aforesaid to the Rendezvous of Genl Stephens' Brigade at Hillsborough (NC). From thence he marched to Rugeley's Mills in S Carolina, where he joined the army commanded by Gen'l. Gates, and took part in the Battle near Camden (SoCa) [16 Aug 1780], which resulted in the defeat of the American army. This deponent saith, that during this tour he served six months, and was then discharged (informally) by Capt. Goodall at Guilford C. H. (N.C.) on the 31th of Oct 1789. This deponent further saith, that he served a tour of one month in the Virginia Militia under Major Duvall (from old age and the loss of memory the Capt's name not Recollected,) the aforesaid tour of one month was performed in the spring of 1781. This deponent further saith that he served one other tour of one month in the Virginia Militia, immediately after the tour aforesaid, under the command of Maj'r. Boyce (the Capt's name not recollected.) at the Mobin hills [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County VA]. This deponent further saith that he joined the American army at Petersburg, in the summer of 1781 and served a tour in the infantry of two months under the command of Col. Dicks [probably Alexander Dick] and Major Boyce Capt. not recollected. This deponent further saith that he served a tour of two months in the fall of 1781 in the first Regiment of Virginia Militia, commanded by Maj'r Boyce, which composed a part of Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson's Brigade. This deponent saith that all the aforesaid service was rendered as a private. This deponent hath no documentary evidence on which to rely for the verification of his declaration herein above made and set forth. This deponent hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. This deponent does further declair from the fact of the principal service rendered the Country by him being in the State of Virginia and that part of S. Carolina, remote from his present residence, he is thereby unable to produce before the Court a living witness to testify to his

He has no written discharge, and he believes it was unusual to give written discharges in the service to which he was attached

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

William hisWmark Flinn

NOTE: On 17 Oct 1838 Nancy Flinn, 64, applied for a pension stating that William Flinn moved from Virginia to Edgefield District SC soon after the Revolutionary War, that they were married on 22 Aug 1792, and he died in Aug 1837. On 20 Dec 1877 William Flinn, 71, only child and heir of Nancy Flinn, applied for the pension money that his late mother had failed to collect. He stated that "Mrs. Nancy Flinn was above the age of ninety years at the time of her Death, was

very infirm in health and very Deaf and her eye Sight very much impaired for five years previous to her Death, that she took no part in the late war neither did she aid the rebellion in any way."