

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wadkins R11197

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State of South Carolina, Pickens District SS } March Term 1833

On this twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable John J. Evans in the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas, now sitting, William Wadkins, a resident of Pickens District in State aforesaid aged about Seventy-two or 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: -- He lived in Orange County in North Carolina when he was drafted to serve a tour of nine months, he turned out under Colonel Litel [sic, Archibald Lytle ?], went up to Moon's Creek on Dan River from there he was marched southward by Cambridge into the low country of South Carolina, he was discharged after his term expired by Colonel Litel at some place near the Charleston or rather between there & Savannah. He then returned home and moved into South Carolina on the waters of Broad River he thinks into Fairfield County, he then turned out a volunteer under Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was with him at the Battle at Blackstock's [November 20, 1780], he thinks some two or three or four months -- He afterwards Enlisted under Captain Dawkins [William Dawkins] as well as he recollects during the war joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] about or some time before Charleston was evacuated. He was in the Cavalry commanded by Captain Dawkins, and was in several skirmishes but in no general Battle-- took prisoners &c -- He was discharged by Colonel Litel and General Greene at Ashley Hill the date he does not recollect. He went home as peace was then established. This Claimant does not know of any person who can testify to his service, or the facts herein stated, Has no documentary evidence of his said Services -- He was young and inexperienced and without Education, had no means of preserving the papers he received, nor did he ever suppose they would be of any value. He fought for Liberty, that obtained, he was satisfied. But now that provision is made for those who contributed to establish our free & happy institutions he makes this appeal as he is poor & advanced in years.

This claimant was born in Loudoun County in the State of Virginia his Father moved into North Carolina when this Claimant was a small boy. He recollects when his Father moved from Granville where he first settled to Orange where he lived when called into Service. This Claimant does not now recollect when or the date of his removing to South Carolina after his first tour of duty but he removed into Pendleton 36 years ago & has lived here ever since.

He 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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year above written.

S/ William L. Keith, CC

S/ William Wadkins, X his mark

[John Cobb a clergyman and Joseph Gresham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me F. N. Garvin a Justice assigned to keep the peace in and for the District of Pickens and State aforesaid, William Wadkins, and made oath in due form of law and on his oath saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot positively swear to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. The first service he done was nine months, in Colonel Little's Regiment of Infantry for which service he received a Due discharge but has by some means lost the discharge he then volunteered under General Sumter and served three months during which time he was in the battle at Blackstock's, he then enlisted under Captain Dawkins a commander of a troop of Cavalry and was in several skirmishes but in no general engagements in Served not less than six months amounting in all to not less than Eighteen months, but he thinks more but from loss of memory and want of Education he cannot recollect dates; but this he does recollect, that for the greater part of the war he was not allowed to follow any Civil pursuit on account of being so often called into the service.

Sworn to before me and subscribed this 12th day of September 1833.

S/ F. N. Garvin, JP

S/ Wm Wadkins, X his mark