

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Cadle R1579

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State of Virginia, County of Raleigh

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1853, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Raleigh County now sitting Thomas Cadle they Citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged 93 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the Service under the following named officers and served as herein stated according to the best of his recollection and belief, viz: That he was at the time of entering said Service a Citizen of Surry County in the State of North Carolina about the age of 15 or 16 years under the command of Captain David Humphreys for about six months in getting lead from Chisel's [sic, Chiswell's] Mines and carrying it to Salisbury for the use of the American Patriots; from thence he marched under the command of Captain Richard Varnel of Col. Cleveland's Regiment To King's Mountain. Thence back to Salisbury and there guarded the British prisoners. He was employed about five or six months but he does not recollect the year but thinks it was in 1779 or 1780. He then enlisted in Colonel Morgan's Corps in which he served upwards of two years during which time he marched to the Cross Roads or Martinsville as guard to the Baggage Wagons. He also marched with a detachment and was in the Battles of the Cowpens and Guilford. He was also at Stony Point and was with the company of Captain Stewart at the Siege of York and was there discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis and that his original discharge was afterwards destroyed with the burning of his dwelling house. The deponent further states that from old age, lapse of time and consequent loss of memory, he is unable now to detail as minutely as he desires all the services he was engaged in, or the order in respect to dates in which his said services were rendered, but he believes a more particular account was given in a declaration made by him sometime in the year 1833 or '4 for the purpose of obtaining a Pension which was placed in the hands of Robert Lilley from whom he has not heard since that his papers cannot be found, that accompanying said declaration was a deposition of Mr. John Adkins who was himself a Revolutionary Soldier proving his services in whole or in part. That is said John Adkins is since dead and the deponent has no documentary evidence in his possession to which he can refer and he knows no person at this time whose testimony he can procure were who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name, to his knowledge is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed day and year aforesaid.

S/Thomas Cadle, X his mark

[Matthew Ellison, a clergyman, and Francis Hendrix gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answer to the Interrogatories propounded by the County Court of Raleigh County to Thomas Cadle who is an applicant for a pension, in open Court on the 25<sup>th</sup> state of July 1853.

Question first: Where & in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the County of Surry in the State of North Carolina and I think from all the information I have in the year 1760.

Question second: Have you any record of you age, and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have a record of my age but have left it at home.

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

Answer: I was living in the County of Surry in the State of North Carolina when called into the Service; since removed to the State of Virginia where I now live in the County of Raleigh.

Question fourth: How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was first drafted into the Service; [I] afterwards enlisted in the Service.

Question fifth: State some of the names of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer: I will referred to the officers named in my declaration and at the siege of York General Lafayette, General Washington &c.

Question sixth Did you receive a discharge from the Service, and if so, by whom was it given or signed, and what has become of it?

Answer: I received a discharge from the militia service & also a discharge from the Service at York all of which were destroyed with the burning of my Dwelling House.

Seventh: state the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I could name a large number of gentlemen who are acquainted with me who would testify to my veracity. I will name general Alfred Buckley, Reverend Matthews Allison, Clarkson Prince Esq., William Prince Esq., Payne McGregor [?], Esq. Robert Lilley, Esq., Col. Archibald B. Walker &c.

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Leon Harris adds the following from this file:

Raleigh Court House Nov 15th 1850

Dr Sir I wrote to you some short time ago with regard to pension matters &c Since then I have had three applicants for pensions one a Revolutionary Soldier aged 97 years of the name of Thomas Cadle or Kadle I do not know how he spells his name as he is entirely illiterate. he says that he was raised in North Carolina in the County of Surry, was Drafted and served two Tours of six months each in the Millitia of that State. Then Enlisted for during the War which lasted for three years after his enlistment his first Tour in the Millitia was under Capt Wm Harden his second Tour was under Capt David Humphries untill he arrived at Salsberry there was placed under Capt Henry then after his discharge was enlisted by the Recruiting officer by the name of John Shepperd was then placed in Gen'l Morgans [Daniel Morgan's] Corps, during his services he says that he was at the Battle of Shallow Ford in North Carolina on their Rout to Cleaveland was at the Battle of Kings Mountain, was at Gen'l Gates Defeat, was at the Siege of little York where after the surrender of Cornwallace he received a furlow with the understanding that he would not in all probability be called upon to return, his former Discharges and his Furlow he alledges was burnt with his House and all his other papers Mr Cadle has a respectable connection in this County but very ignorant with regard to pension matters, he tells me that he had his declaration drawn up and proved his services by certain person who undertook to secure his pension, he is since dead and Mr Cadle cannot tell what became of the papers and since that time the person by whom he proved his services is Dead, and can only prove by respectable Testimony, what his former Testimony was, the other two persons hold their discharge for services in the War of 1812- 14....

[J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, replied that no papers relating to Cadle's claim were found.]