

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Highbaugh R20512

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State of Kentucky Hart County Sct.

Be it remembered that on this 5th day of October 1833 George Highbaugh a resident citizen of said County personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and being by me first duly sworn according to law, made the following declaration in order to obtain a pension for the Government of the United States under the Act of Congress of the 15th of May 1827 – That he is now seventy-eight years of age on the 22nd day of September 1833, he was born in Germany on the 22nd day of September 1745, that he came over to the United States in the year 1778 and in the month of October of that year he entered the service of the United States in the Army of the revolution as a Continental soldier he enlisted for and during the war, under Captain Undergoose or Mundergoose the place of his enlistment was at a small Fort not very far below Savannah in Georgia, where there was stationed a small force of Continental troops he thinks in number sixteen. The name of the Fort was Sansberry [Sunbury?], here these troops remained about two months, when the Fort was attacked or 3 days in succession by the British troops during which time he and his fellow soldiers resisted the attacked successfully and on the 4th night they escaped unhurt anticipating that they would be compelled to surrender and made their way to a place called Stono in South Carolina, where there was an engagement fault between the British and American forces [June 20, 1779] – After leaving the Fort he and his comrades of Captain Mundergoose's company were put in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Eldridge, who was a Continental officer as was also Mundergoose and the Soldiers under them were Continental soldier; After the engagement at Stono having been in the interim marched through the country, he was engaged in the battle at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] in South Carolina [sic Georgia] with the British and was wounded by a musket ball in his left leg and was taken prisoner by the British forces and was kept by them about three months, when he made his escape from them – In a short time after his escape from the British he again joined the American troops near Savannah in Georgia, and again attached himself to his old company and was in the engagement fought near Savannah by the French and Americans on one side & the British forces on the other, this engagement was fought as well as he recollects in May 1782. The American forces was stationed in this engagement at the Swamp, and was not in the active part of the battle the French troops occupied the front ranks; The result of the engagement as a matter of history is well known – In about three months after this Battle was fought he was discharged from the service at Savannah from his term of enlistment, having fully served it out as required by his officers – His discharge he has long since lost – After the American Revolution was over he settled in Pennsylvania near Philadelphia where he lived for about two years, and then removed to the back parts of Pennsylvania, in what was called the Monongahela Country where he continued to reside until about 46 years since, when he removed to the State of Kentucky, and

has had many excursions against the Indians in the first settlement of this country – he was also in Sinclair's [Arthur St. Clair's] campaign [November 1791] against the Indians in the celebrated defeat of Sinclairs Army. At Savannah General Lincoln was the commander of the American troops, and County De Grass [François-Joseph-Paul, Marquis de Grasetilly, Comte de Grasse], was one of the French officers. His term of service in the American Revolution was from October 1778 to the 1st of September 1782 including his term of imprisonment, making exclusive of that 3 years and 8 months. He has no record of his age now that he once had, but from what he recollects of his age from that he is confident, he is of the age he has stated – when he first arrived in the United States he landed in Florida, and from thence he came to Georgia. He remembers the names of two of his comrades in said company Samuel Leisner & Jacob Tamm. He has no documentary evidence of his service, and knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service. He has never before applied for a pension from the Government of the United States and has never received one and hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and states that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State of the Union. He is blind and exceedingly infirm and unable to get to Munfordsville to court, except he should be carried there which would exceedingly fatigue him and endanger his health – Sworn and subscribed before me the day & year above written.

S/ David Highbaugh, JP

S/ George Highbaugh, X his mark

[William M. Brown, a clergyman, and Samuel Durham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]