

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Cotton R2353

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State of Georgia County of Warren: SS

On the 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William H Crawford Judge of the Superior Court for the Northern Circuit of said State George Cotten a resident in the County of Warren and State of Georgia aged sixty-eight 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 7, 1832.

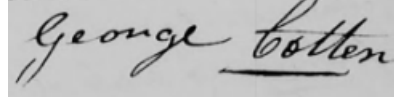
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. He was drafted in the summer of 1780 and went into service with the militia of Edgecombe County North Carolina, where he was born and then lived, in the company commanded by Captain Richard Ship, joined the Regiment of Colonel __ at Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River, in North Carolina, thence marched to Camden, South Carolina, where the Army was increased and put under the command of General Gates, and marched out to meet Cornwallis. Went into an engagement with Cornwallis some time in August about daybreak. The Americans were soon defeated. Captain Ship directed him to take care of himself, which he did in company with about fifteen men and went to Charlotte in North Carolina, about thirty miles. At Charlotte the company was increased and marched to Salisbury, North Carolina under (he thinks) General Sumner. Thence to Colonel Long's (the Army having been partly discharged) where his father took a discharge for him, which is now lost. In this tour he served three months as a private. About three months after, he volunteered or enlisted in the Cavalry for two months, in Colonel Whitaker's Regiment, Edgecombe County North Carolina, and furnished his own horse. Marched to a village in Franklin County, North Carolina. Remained there a few days and went to Haw River, North Carolina, then twenty or thirty miles up the River, then to Hillsboro North Carolina, then to Guilford Court-house North Carolina. Then to Moravian Town all in search of Tories. After which he went to Colonel Whitaker's in Franklin County, North Carolina where he was discharged. Took a discharge, but does not know what has become of it. That he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He has resided in Warrington, Warren County, Georgia, and it's vicinity the last forty years.

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 and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Gibson, Clk

S/ George Cotton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Cotton". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

[Elisha Perryman, a clergyman, and Jeremiah Butt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[[A note in the file indicates that this veteran's application was rejected because he failed to allege the required six months service.]