

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Cunningham R2587

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State of Tennessee } Court of pleas & quarter Sessions  
Maury County } Sept Term 1832

Be it remembered that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1832 Samuel Cunningham a citizen of the County & state aforesaid, aged about Eighty one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States sometim in the Month of Febuary in the year 1781, (at which time I resided in Halafax [sic: Halifax] County State of Virginia) that General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene; see endnote], made a proclamation if any man would volunteer at that time & serve a tower of six weeks, that it should count as a tower of three Monts, this [illegible abbreviation] volunteered & immediatly marched off to the state of North Carolina, to a place called at that time Dobbins red house, under the following named officers, Capt McDanniel, Col Cock [sic: Nathaniel Cocke] & Gen'l Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], where we remained scouting about from place to place & occasionally engaging in some little fighting on the outskirts, untill the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781 at which time the battle took place at Gilford court house [sic: Guilford Courthouse], which I was in, and Gen'l Stephens got wounded at this battle, & we lossed a large number of men, that is wound & kiled – after we buried our dead, we then pursued after Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] down to a place called Deep river in the state of North Carolina, where we remained untill our term of service expired & I returned home – After living some 10 or 15 years in Halafax County Virginia subsequent to the battle of Gilford court house, I removed to Clark County state of Georgia, where I lived some 17 or 18 years & I then removed to Maury County Tennessee where I have lived ever since I have no documentary evidence or any other kind to shew that I was in the battle of Gilford court house or that I was in the revolutionary I hereby relinquish evry claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the presant, & declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. [signed] Sam'l Cunningham

NOTE: It is improbable that Gen. Nathanael Greene would have granted, or had the authority to grant, three months credit for six weeks of service. In any case, the pension law required at least six months of service.