

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hammett R4528

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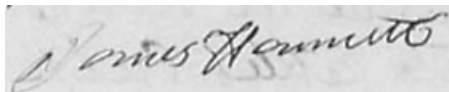
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State of Alabama, Talladega County

On this 22nd day of July 1846 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable H. W. Rice Judge of the County Court of Talladega County now sitting James Hammett a resident of the County & State aforesaid 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 the 7th 1832. That he is the son and only heir of his father William Hammett who was a Capt. in the Revolutionary War of the United States -- and who entered the Service in Wilkes County Georgia under General Elijah Clarke he does not know the particular date but remembers to have heard his father say that it was about the commencement of the War he heard his father say that he was in the Battle at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], Sullivan's Island [probably a reference to the action at Fort Moultrie, June 28, 1776] and that Kettle Creek [February 14, 1779 where he had two brothers killed in the engagement, he continued to serve in the war from its commencement until peace was made. The affiant also states that he has heard his father and Col. Elijah Clarke since the War converse about the same and that Col. Clarke always said and acknowledged that William Hammett his father was a Capt. in the revolutionary war and that he was present when the said Capt. William Hammett was wounded by a ball in the engagement at Kettle Creek. Col. Clarke many years ago removed to Florida and died [indecipherable word] and his father William Hammett was born as appears from the family record which is now in the possession of this declarant on the 16th day of November 1749 and departed this life in Marion County Mississippi on the 23rd day of August 1832. This affiant cannot state positively as to the length of time which his father in his lifetime said that he served as a Capt. in the revolution but is certain that it was more than two years and that he has no documentary evidence in this case. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Hammett



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State of Georgia

This is to certify that William Hammett hath steadfastly done his duty, from the time of passing an Act at Augusta, to wit, on the 20th of August 1781, until the total expulsion of the

British from this State; and the said William Hammett cannot to my knowledge or belief, the convicted of plundering or distressing the Country; and is therefore, under the act, entitled to a bounty of Two Hundred and Fifty acres of good land, free from taxes for ten years.

Given under my hand at Savannah the 2nd day of February 1784

S/ Elijah Clarke, Col.

[The above certified as being a true copy made from the records in the secretary of the executive Department of the state of Georgia on October 23, 1850]