

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hammon R4542

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State of Georgia Hall County: SS

On this the Seventeenth day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John Nichols, Samuel Finly and Thomas S Tate Judges of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting as an inferior Court John Hammon a resident of said County of Hall & State of Georgia aged seventy years the 6th day of last May, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Deponent states that he was drafted into the Service for three months but cannot recollect in what year nor what month of the year was under the command of Captain William Shepherd, Lieutenant Richard Home [sic, Richard Holmes] Colonel Armstrong [Martin Armstrong] being the command[er] of the Regiment and marched to a place called Chisels lead mines [Chiswell Lead Mines or Fort Chiswell] as a Guard to some wagons which were loaded at the mines with the lead and returned with the wagons to the Cherokee nation the time of service ending deponent was discharged and went home but does not recollect whether he received a discharge or not. Shortly after getting home deponent states that he was drafted again into the service for three months under Captain William Shepherd, Major Winston [Joseph Winston] & Colonel Phillips [Lt. Col. Joseph Phillips] and marched to Salisbury to guard some prisoners that were taken at the Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] where deponent acted as Sergeant of the guard, remained there until about five weeks previous to the end of his time of Service when deponent hired a man to supply his place whose name he cannot recollect, received a permit from the Colonel and went home. Deponent states that he was born in Halifax County State of Virginia on the 6th day of May 1762.

That he resided in Surry County North Carolina when he entered the service.

That he has no record of his age. That he removed from North Carolina to Greenville district South Carolina remained in South Carolina twelve years then removed to the State of Tennessee remained there two years, then removed to the State of Georgia Hall County where he now lives. That he never received a discharge, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas S. Tate, JIC

S/ John Hammon, X his mark

[James Whitten, a clergyman, and Silas Cross gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[A letter in the file indicates that the veteran's claim was rejected because he failed to prove that he served the required 6 months term of active service.]