

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Ingram R5485

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The State of Alabama, Montgomery County

On this the 18th day of June A.D. 1835 personally appeared before me Benajah S. Bibb Judge of the County Court of Montgomery County and State aforesaid (said Court being a Court of record) Samuel Ingram a resident of the said County and State aged on the first day of August 1834 Seventy nine years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War he resided with his father John Ingram in Anson County in the State of North Carolina; that very soon thereafter (year not recollected) he enlisted in the Army of the United States as a Regular Soldier for the term of six months under Captain Picket [William Pickett] a recruiting officer; that during that time he marched from Salisbury in the State of North Carolina under the command of Colonel Martin [Alexander Martin] a field Officer against a body of Tories under Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] and was out in what was then called the Snow Camps.¹ Again he further states that after the expiration of the period of enlistment (the precise time not recollected) he joined the militia of North Carolina and marched from Rutherford County in said State with one Captain Troy [?] under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] into the Cherokee nation and camped near the Middle Towns and assisted in destroying the habitations of the Indians and in cutting down their corn and that on that expedition he was [out] not less than three months.

He further states that after the conclusion of the term of service against the Indians he returned into North Carolina and there remained in the County of Anson occasionally acting with scouting parties until that period in which the British took possession of Wilmington a seaport Town in North Carolina (time not now recollected) when he again marched from Anson County through several other counties of North Carolina in the capacity of a Lieutenant under Captain Dejarnette [probably John Dejarnett or DeJarnett or DeJarnette] who was under Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade] and had his horse killed in an engagement with what were called Fanning's [David Fanning's] men at Beatties Bridge [Beatti's Bridge] upon Drowning Creek some few miles above Lumberton; that very soon thereafter under the command of General Rutherford who was aided by Captain Polk's [Charles Polk] Company of Horse he again marched against the British and Tories to a point on the Cape Fear River called the Brick House² and there assisted in

1 The "Snow Camps" occurred in December 1775

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

2 The engagement at the Brick House occurred on November 15, 1781.

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brick_house.html

routing them and was there when Cornwallis was taken at Yorktown [Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown on October 19, 1781].

He further states that there are many incidents connected with his revolutionary services of which his recollection is imperfect such as the defeat of the Americans at Beatti's Bridge³ in North Carolina in which battle Captains White and Wilson [George Wilson] were killed and Captain Jackson [Jonathan Jackson] wounded and taken prisoner.

The State of Alabama, Montgomery County

Personally appeared before me Benajah Bibb a Judge of the County Court in and for the County of Montgomery and State aforesaid Samuel Ingram who being duly sworn depose and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For six Months as a Regular Soldier I served under Captain Picket and Colonel Martin and as a Lieutenant in the Militia not less than three years also as a private in the same body for a period of not less than two years and a half; and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and ascribed before be this the 18th day of June A.D. 1835.

S/ Benajah S. Bibb, J.C.C. M.C.

S/ Samuel Ingram, S his mark

And he the said Samuel Ingram hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Alabama.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Ingram, S his mark

[John Robinson, a clergyman, and John Derrick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And the said Samuel Ingram the applicant before mentioned doth further amend his declaration by declaring on oath before me the said Benajah S. Bibb Judge as aforesaid, that he has no original discharge or commission in his possession and that there is no citizen of Alabama that he knows of that could state in detail a personal knowledge of his services or such circumstances as would throw any new light on the transaction, having already as he believes related all the facts which can be useful to the investigation [of] his claim.

And the Court does hereby declare its opinion that the statement immediately preceding is also correct .Witness my hand this the 18th day of June A.D. 1835.

S/ Benajah S. Bibb, J. C. C. M. C.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the said Samuel Ingram applicant as aforesaid:

1st: When and in what year were you born?

A: I was born in the year 1755 in Southampton County in the State of Virginia

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

A: I have a record of my age which is in the possession of my oldest brother William Ingram residing in the same neighborhood with myself.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: I was living at the time I was called into service in Anson County North Carolina, since the War I resided one year in Georgia, then near Columbia South Carolina for upwards of 40 years

3 The skirmish at Drowning Creek occurred on August 4, 1781.

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_beattis_bridge.html

and for the last two years in the County of Montgomery, Alabama where I now reside.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

A: I was first enlisted for six Months, then was drafted and very frequently acted as a volunteer but never acted as a substitute for anyone.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A: I served under Captain Picket, Colonel Martin as a regular soldier and under General Rutherford, Colonel Wade and Captain Dejarnette in the Militia. I recollect none of the militia regiments and have stated most of the general circumstances in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

A: I did receive several discharges at various times but from neglect and old age they have been put out of my possession.

Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

A: I did receive a commission from either Colonel Love or Colonel Wade but have lost or mislaid it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

A: I have already obtain the certificate of John Robertson a Clergyman and John Derrick to the effect above stated.

S/ Benajah S. Bibb, J.C.C.M.C.

S/ Samuel Ingram, X his mark