

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Manly R6865

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State of North Carolina County of Caswell: SS

On this 5th day of May 1835, personally appeared in open Court, the Superior Court of Law, for the County and State aforesaid now sitting, George Manly a resident of the said County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, aged sixty-nine years (3rd day of June last) 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 – viz.

That in April 1780 the day of the month not recollected, this affiant who resided in the County of Lunenburg, State of Virginia, was called under the authority of said State into the Militia Service for three months to assist in defending the Country from the apprehended invasion of Lord Cornwallis, who with his Army was then in the South, was marched in a company under the command of Captain David Street, from Lunenburg C. House, we rendezvoused, and remained several days, to Petersburg Virginia, at which place we joined another company of militia under the command of Captain Edward Jerdan [Edward Jordan?], and where we were stationed until about the first of July following, when we were ordered to return to our homes, the threatened invasion not having taken place; that to be ready when called into service again, it then being but a few weeks before the expiration of the three months for which we were called out, having served in this tour two months or more. After remaining at home until March 1781, we were again called out from Lunenburg Virginia and marched to Prince Edward C. House Virginia, under the command of Captain Ellison Ellis, who retired from his command, being exempt by age from military duty, and we were then commanded by Captain Ragsdale, and remained at Prince Edward Ct. House Virginia about three weeks, where we joined several other Companies of militia under the command of Major Overstreet, from which place we were ordered to march and joined the Troops under the command of General Lawson [Robert Lawson], at that time on James River, preparing to defend the Country against the troops of Lord Cornwallis, which were then over running the Country in that part of Virginia, but the Army of General Lawson having attacked the British troops at a place called Pointy Fork, and the British Army having retreated to Williamsburg before we could reach General Lawson's Army we were ordered to join General Lafayette's Army which we did and met the troops commanded by him to Bottoms Bridge in Hanover County Virginia, at which place we were commanded by Colonel Tolls [probably Oliver Towles] and after remaining there 2 or 3 weeks were marched to Hickory Nut Church in New Kent County Virginia where we were stationed for 2 or 3 weeks and while there an engagement took place near James town between the main body of the Troops commanded by General Lafayette and the British Army commanded by Lord

Cornwallis. I remember to have seen the Army of General Wayne marching to join General Lafayette in the battle, but they did not reach there until after the engagement was over, and the British Army having retreated and embarked in their vessels. The company to which I belonged was not in that engagement, having been ordered to remain in the encampment near Hickory Nut Church. After the battle General Lafayette having returned in a few days, we joined him again and marched to Bottoms Bridge, where we remained until we were discharged about the middle of August, having served in this tour 4 months and upwards. In the 2 above named tours, I served upwards of 6 months, in neither of which did I received a written discharge, and having no documentary evidence of my service, and living a considerable distance from the Country from which I was called into service, and having no person here by whom I can prove my service, I can only offer the testimony of my neighbors as to my character as a Soldier of the revolution, and also that of my character for on her and veracity. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the applicant and his answers –

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Lunenburg County Virginia on the 3rd day of June 1765.

Ques. 2. Have you any record of your age, & if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age, the family Bible in which my age was recorded not being in my possession –

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

Ans. I lived in Lunenburg County when called into service, from which County I moved into Mecklenburg County Virginia 1790, where I remained until 1810 when I removed to Caswell County North Carolina where I have continued to live until this time.

Ques. 4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted in both tours of my service

Ques. 5. 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.

Ans. I recollect a Colonel Mathews, also Colonel Tolls by the latter of whom we were commanded at Bottoms Bridge after joining Lafayette's Army. I well recollect General Lafayette by whom we were commanded also General Baron Steuben who commanded companies for 18 months tour of service, who was broke of his Commission for not obeying a call to come with his troops in the service.

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

Ans. I never received any written discharge in either tour of service but we were relieved by persons drafted of the next numbers from the County from which I entered the service or was drafted, the is Lunenburg County Virginia about the middle of August 1781.

Ques. 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. I was known to my neighbors generally and 2 of whom will testify as to my character for veracity and my reputation as a Soldier of the Revolution viz. John H Pickard and James Cobb.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jeremiah Graves, Clk.

S/ George Manly, X his mark

[John H Pickard, a clergyman, and James Cobb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]