

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Pavey R8017

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The State of Indiana Madison County SS

Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James Scott sole Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Madison, now sitting, Samuel Pavey a resident of the County of Madison aforesaid, aged 72 years in July next, 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 7, 1832. That in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina he volunteered into the service of the United States for the term of eighteen months and was rendezvoused at Guilford Court house on the 10 day of August, and he thinks in August 1781, being in August previous to the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. From Guilford he was immediately marched under Captain Smith Moore, a militia Captain to Salisbury, where, as a private soldier, he was put into a company of North Carolina State troops (as he now thinks) under Captain Lytle [William Lytle], in which company one Campbell [possibly John Campbell] was Lieutenant and one Lawler [possibly John Lollar] was the orderly Sergeant in a Regiment under Colonel Archibald Lytle. While the troops with which this declarant served lay in Salisbury he was sent in company with a Sergeant, William Hamilton, in pursuit of a deserter whom they followed back to Guilford Court house and on the Deep River but being unable to retake him, after a pursuit of __ or __ days they returned to their quarters. Late in October ensuing his enrollment being upwards of 2 months after his arrival at Salisbury he was marched under the officers last aforesaid to Ashley Hill where the North Carolina troops joined General Greens [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army and was immediately marched thence to James Island near Charleston, South Carolina.

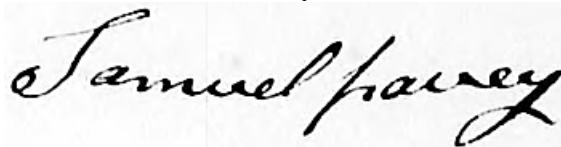
He well recollects that on his march to James Island the Army encamped at the old Eutaw fields, was also at Camden, being after Gates defeat at the latter place and the destruction thereof by fire. The declarant was quartered for a considerable period of time on James Island at which place and in the immediate vicinity of Charleston he continued until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown Virginia [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. His service in the neighborhood of Charleston consisted principally in suppressing insurrections among the disaffected inhabitants. He was dismissed from the service shortly after Cornwallis surrendered, making a period through which he served of 14 months, being from the 10th of August 1781 until about the aforesaid surrender which he is informed was late in October 1782.

There were many minor incidents which the declarant might here restate that would doubtless stand in some degree to strengthen his declaration, but wishing to avoid unnecessary

prolixity, he omits to mention them. He was in no battle during his tour of service; and for answer to the several interrogatories¹ contained in the regulations of the war department for the purpose of carrying into effect the aforesaid Act of Congress, he says 1st He was born in Accomack County Virginia in 1761. Secondly he has no record of his age. Thirdly When called into the service he was living in Guilford County North Carolina. For a number of years after the revolution he resided in the State of Delaware, then in Kentucky, afterwards in Ohio whence in 1818 or 19 he removed to Wayne County Indiana. He resided in the Counties of Wayne and Fayette until within 12 or 14 months passed when he settled in the said County of Madison, his present place of residence. 4th He entered the service as volunteer. 5th For the names of his officers and the general circumstances of his service he would refer to the preceding part of his declaration. 6th The declarant thinks he never received a written discharge and if he did the same is lost. 7th He would state that having resided in the said County of Madison not exceeding 12 or 14 months he has not formed such an acquaintance with any clergyman in the said County as would authorize him to make such a certificate for the declarant as is necessary under the requisitions of the war department to entitle the declarant to a pension, which fact induced the declarant to procure the certificate of the Honorable B F Morris Presiding Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in this State as also that of O. H. Smith Esquire late a member of Congress from said State, both of which are duly authenticated by the official certificate of the Honorable Benjamin Park and are hereunto prefixed. The aforesaid certificates the declarant believes sufficiently establish his character for veracity and his reputation in his former neighborhoods as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the day and year first within written.

S/ Samuel Pavey



[B. F. Morris and O. H. Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Samuel

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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.

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

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Pevy [sic] a mues [sic musician] in Captain Lytle's company of the 10th Regiment,² enlisted in 1782 for 18 months and deserted the 16th March 1783.

Given under my hand this 21st day of April 1834

S/ Wm Hill

[O. H. Smith³ wrote a letter to the Commissioner of pensions stating that his "old friend" Samuel Pavy [sic] had shown him the above letter from the North Carolina Secretary of State and Pavey says that there were 2 men of the same name enlisted in the same company; that the other Samuel Pavey may have been a Fifer and may have deserted but that he assured Smith that he served his full term.]

² J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 1st NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_p.html and search for "Pavey, Samuel."

³ SMITH, Oliver Hampton, a Representative and a Senator from Indiana; born on Smith's Island, near Trenton, N.J., October 23, 1794; attended the common schools; moved west, eventually settling in Lawrenceburg, Ind., in 1818; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1820 and commenced practice in Connersville, Ind.; member, State house of representatives 1822-1824; prosecuting attorney for the third judicial district 1824-1825; elected to the Twentieth Congress (March 4, 1827-March 3, 1829); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1828; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1837, to March 3, 1843; chairman, Committee on Engrossed Bills (Twenty-sixth Congress), Committee on Public Lands (Twenty-seventh Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection; moved to Indianapolis, Ind., and resumed the practice of law; declined to be a candidate for governor of Indiana in 1845; engaged in the railroad business in Indianapolis; died in Indianapolis, Ind., March 19, 1859; interment in Crown Hill Cemetery.

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