

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sapp R9201

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State of Georgia, Randolph County

On this first day of November in the year of all Lord 1834 personally appeared before me Allen McLean an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County William Sapp Aged 79 years a resident and citizen of the State & County 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I entered the Service in the capacity of a Volunteer Soldier under command of Lieutenant William Cade on or about the first of December 1777 I was then a resident of Burke County Georgia marched through Scriven, Effingham & part of Chatham counties to Savannah where I was stationed until about the last of February the name of commanding officers not recollected I was there honorably discharged, I then returned to Burke again where I remained about two or three weeks I then volunteered under command Lieutenant Abraham Sapp and marched to Savannah again where I was stationed about three months was then discharged as before.

Some months after I volunteered under command of Colonel Benjamin Few and was stationed to guard Burke Jail house we had a battle with a company of Tories under command of a man called Tory Brown [Thomas "Burntfoot" Brown] I then volunteered under command of Colonel John Mann our Captain was by the name of James Lambert on or about the first of January 1778 marched through what is now Liberty County to Sunbury on the Seaboard was stationed about one month I then volunteered under command of Captain Joshua Inman and marched to what we called the Florida expedition¹ about the first of March thereafter we marched through the Indian country across the Altamaha River and then on through the wilderness Country to the Burnt Fort on the St. Mary's River in East Florida (now Camden County Georgia) we there joined the Army under command of Colonel Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] & General Scriven [James Screven] we was there stationed a short time then marched through St. John's and at Alligator Creek 23 miles where we had a Battle with a company of Tories in what was called Gum Coats [? Green Coats?] this was about the first of June I then marched back again to Burke County where I was verbally discharged again about the last of July there remained out of service until two or three days after Ashe's defeat on Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] in Burke County I then joined under Colonel Marberry and marched to Augusta from thence to Crackers Neck in South Carolina near dunry's ferry [sic, Demery's Ferry]our Captain was Joshua Inman I Distinctly recollect that I was there stationed on the 15th of February 1779 and if I could know when Ashe's Defeat was I would know the commencement of this Tour

¹ I think the veteran is describing the Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778
<http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html>

of Service I remained at that Stationed [sic] until some time in the month of June next thereafter I then marched up the Georgia side of the Savannah River to Galphin's Ferry then crossed and marched up the Carolina side to Augusta I there Joined Colonel Elijah Clarke in the latter part of June instant I then marched across the upper part of South Carolina towards the mountains and over the mountains in the upper part of North Carolina was there stationed some time near Turkey Cove. I then marched to return to Augusta we surprised and took a British Fort in December near Cains Store under command of Major Dunlap [James Dunlap] after a Severe Battle I then marched towards the Down Country in South Carolina Joined General Twiggs [John Twiggs] near a place called Long Cain [sic, Long Cane] and at Long Cane we had a Battle with the British & Tories commanded by one Cruger we then marched towards the Grindal Shoals on Broad River in South Carolina and on the 16th day of January 1779 we met General Morgan on his retreat forced march pursued by Tarleton we then Joined him and returned with him to the Cowpens where we had a severe Battle in which Col. Tarleton was Defeated [Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781] and his men made prisoner. I then marched to Augusta where we laid Siege to the Fort in command of Tory Brown (I never knew him by any other name)² and after several weeks he surrendered I then marched about the 15th of February (next after) to Crackers Neck where we arrived about the first of March 1780 I there was Stationed under command of Captain Frederick Womack about one year during which time we made some short excursions but most of the time remained stationed I then was under Captain Joshua Inman again for about one year but never marched to any place more than a short distance I then served under my Brother Captain John Sapp until the close of the war I was in actual service at that station from the first of March 1780 until we received the News of peace which was some time after peace was made.

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 the Agency of any State and that he cannot prove his services by any person living that he has any knowledge of except Mr. Lot Low [sic, Lott Low]³ and from his bodily infirmity he cannot attend the Court.

Sworn to and subscribed this first day of November 1834.

S/ Allan McLean, JP

S/ William Sapp



State of Georgia, Randolph County: Interrogatories propounded to William Sat by me Allen McLean in acting Justice of the peace in and for said State and County on the first day of November in the year of our Lord 1834

Interrogatory 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 in substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

² Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

³ [Lott Low \(Lowe\) R6486](#)

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.

To the first Interrogatory he answers as follows

I was born in Kent County in the State of Delaware in the year of our Lord 1755

To the second interrogatory

He answers I have no record of my age

To the third interrogatory

He answers I lived in Burke County when called into service I lived in Burke County from the close of the War until January 1830 I then moved to Randolph County and I now live in Randolph County

To the fourth Interrogatory

He answers I was called into Service as a volunteer Soldier and never served in any other capacity

To the fifth interrogatory

He answers I served with General Morgan, Colonel Marberry & General Twiggs I don't recollect the Number or any particular Regiment by name the general circumstances of my services was this I served in different Companies and in different officers I served altogether in the militia service as a private Soldier

To the sixth Interrogatory

He answers I never received any Discharge only verbally

To the seventh Interrogatory

He says that I am known in my present neighborhood by Alan McLean Horace Adair, John [illegible last name], Henry Joice [sic, Henry Joyce], Leroy Jeffries & Garrison Cobb.

The above Interrogatories answered under oath.

S/ Allean McLean, JP

[Henry Joyce and Garrison Cobb, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia, Stewart County

Personally appeared before me Phillip F. Sapp one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County Lott Low who after being duly sworn on oath saith that he became acquainted with William Sapp in the month of March 1780 in Crackers Neck in (Winton County) now Barnwell District State of South Carolina near Demry's Ferry [sic, Demery's Ferry] on Savannah River William Sapp was there Stationed under command of Captain Frederick Warnock I knew him to be under command of Capt. Warnock for on or about one year he then served one year under command of Capt. Joshua Inman or about one year he then served under his Brother Capt. John Sapp the balance of the War until peace was made.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 9th day of October 1834.

S/ Philip F. Sapp, JP

S/. Lot Low, X his mark