

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Humphrey Scroggins: R9325

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State of Illinois }
County of Sangamon } S.S. On this seventeenth day of November Eighteen hundred and
 } Thirty four, personally appeared before the Circuit Court in and
for the County and State aforesaid Humphrey Scroggins, a Resident of said County and State, aged Sixty Eight years, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted into the service in the State troops of the State of Virginia in the year 1781 in the Early part o f the month of March and served in the following manner and under the following named officers. That he was Drafted in to the company commanded by Capt. George Hastern [sic: Hairston], but does not recollect the names of the Lieut. and Ensign. The company belonged to Col. Richardson's Regiment, Lieut. Col. Holcom [sic: John Holcombe]. Recollects no other field Officers. Said Regiment was immediately marched to Guilford Court House in North Carolina and joined the Army commanded by Gen'l. Nathaniel [sic: Nathanael] Greene the day after the Battle at that place [15 Mar 1781], and was placed in [Gen. Robert] Lawson's Brigade. That the Army then marched in pursuit of the British Down to Deep River at Ramsay's Mills [Ramsey's Mill]. This took them 7 or 8 days by forced march. at Ramsay's Mills Lawsons Brigade were all discharged with the Exception of Capt. Hastern's Company and the Company Commanded by Capt. [Josiah] Shaw. Our Company was then marched alone down to the lower part of North Carolina across Cape Fear River. The company Remained at Cape Fear River 2 or 3 weeks. Then marched back by the way of Hillsborough to Henry County, Virginia and were there discharged in the Latter part of May. He received a written discharge for three months service from Capt. Hastern.

That he was Drafted again in the year 1781 in the month of July in Capt. Hamon Crite's [sic: Haman Critz's] Company, Lieut. John Tarrance. Regiment was commanded by Col. Holcom. Recollects no other Officers. Our Company was marched to Mobbins Hill [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County VA] at Woodson's ferry on James River, where we joined our Regiment and the army commanded (as he thinks) by the Marquis LaFayette. The army marched across Pamunky [sic: Pamunkey] River, and he with four others of his company were placed in a reconnoitering party commanded by Col. Matthews and marched to within 8 miles of Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and encamped at a place called Ruff Creek Church and there remained 4 days. Then Fell back 4 miles and staid there 3 or 4 days. We 5 were then discharged and he received a written discharge from Col. Mathews for 3 months service - in Sept. as he thinks. In November 1781 he volunteered in Capt. Peter Hasterns Company - the company was placed in a Battalion or Regiment commanded by Major Fearn consisting of 300 men and marched as a guard having in charge 500 British and 40 tories taken as prisoners at the battle of the Cowpens at Tarletons Defeat [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, 17 Jan 1781] - through Spittsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania County], Halifax, across Staunton River at Okeniche's [sic: Occonechee] Ford. a rear guard here relieved us commanded by Col. [James] Callaway and we marched back to Henry County where we were discharged in December or January. Received a written discharge from Capt. Hastern for two months service.

In February 1781 he volunteered in the company commanded by Capt. Samuel Tarrence in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Matthews - marched to Spittsylvania, the returned & were discharged. were gone 2 weeks. Received a written discharge from Capt. Tarrence for 2 weeks service.

That in all, his service was 8½ months. that the said 4 written discharges were all burned together with his papers in his sons house, which burned down in this County about four years since. That when he entered the services at the several periods above stated he resided in the County of Henry in the State of Virginia, and removed after the war to South Carolina, from thence to Kentucky, from thence to Tennessee and from that State to Sangamon County in the State of Illinois where he has resided for the last seven years.

He 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.
Humphrey hisXmark Scroggins