

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Silver R9572

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State of North Carolina, County of Burke

On the twenty third day of January 1833 personally appeared before me David D. Baker one of the acting justices of the peace in and for the county of Burke aforesaid, George Silver, a resident of Toe River in the County of Burke and State of North Carolina aged about eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. The first tour he served was with the Maryland troops at Annapolis in that state for a term of six months under Captain William Norris. After his term of service was out he returned home to the neighborhood of Fredericktown in Maryland. Not long after he returned he enlisted in Fredericktown under Captain Ralph Hillary in what was called the Flying Camp for a term of eighteen months. The dates when he enlisted he cannot state but recollects very well that he was in the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] in 1777 while under this enlistment and that in that battle a bullet grazed the skin of his neck. And when his enlistment was up he received his discharge in Fredericktown in Maryland. And that shortly after he was discharged he enlisted again in Fredericktown in Maryland under Captain Boyer for three years in the German regiment. Soon after he enlisted he was marched to Northumberland and from there to Wyoming. This he believes to have been about the year of 1779. This he says was against the Indians and others which they dispersed. Afterwards he was marched to West Point and while he was there he was sent out with a detachment and had a skirmish with some British Dragoons, and he says he was present and under arms when Major Andre, the British spy, was executed in 1780. Afterward he was marched to Philadelphia and from there to Baltimore and we lay sometime at a fort on the Slatistone point [sic, Whetstone Point?] not far from Baltimore. When we marched from this place we went to Annapolis and after harvest we were marched to Yorktown where we besieged the British under Lord Cornwallis in 1781. After the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 9, 1781] and the British army at Yorktown he was ordered to the south and was attached to the Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. And while in South Carolina he was sent out with a party against a party of mounted Negroes near Charleston which the British had sent out. Of this party they killed and made prisoners of the whole party. And he further states that he continued in South Carolina till about the close of the war and that he was marched back to Annapolis and then to Fredericktown in Maryland where he received his discharge from Captain Winchester. But says this and all his other papers are lost or destroyed. He further states that after his term of enlistment expired he was induced to stay with the Army until he was discharged in Maryland. He says he believes he served under his enlistments and other ways upwards of five years. And he says that his memory is bad and that he has forgot the names of many of his officers, but says his first tour to Annapolis his captain's name was William Norris. The rest of their names he has forgotten except a Sergeant

Shoemaker. And in the 18 months enlistment in the Flying Camp his captain was Ralph Hillary. He says General Smallwood [William Smallwood] and Colonel Will Lockett was with them and many others that he has forgot. But (he) says General Washington was chief commander at the Battle of Germantown. And he says Captain Huff was wounded in the engagement and Lieut. Michael Thrush was killed. And in his three years enlistment under Captain Boyce, Wettner was the name of his colonel in the German Regiment. He recollects the names of the following officers--Captains Crawford, Rice and Winchester and Major Oxburg. But Washington and Greene was mostly the generals he was under. He says there was one John Gordon, a quartermaster sergeant, and he says he knew one Lieut. Bettis and says he knew a Sergeant Low that deserted to the enemy. He thinks these are names enough to mention, and he further says that he is not on any pension roll in this state nor any other state or United States and that this is the first time that he ever made application to be put on the pension roll of the United States or any other state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Silver, X his mark.

[p 8: On July 7, 1851 in Yancey County North Carolina, Jacob Silver, aged 66, made application under the 1838 act for the pension due his mother as the widow of a Revolutionary war pensioner; that he is a child and heir of Nancy and George Silver; that his father, George Silver, married his mother, Nancy Griffith, in Frederick County Maryland July 10, 1783; that his father, George Silver, died July 11, 1839 and his mother, Nancy Silver, died September 30, 1849. He signed this application with his mark.]

[p 13: On July 1, 1851 in Yancey County North Carolina, John Griffith, aged 86, a resident of said County gave testimony that he was living in Frederick County Maryland when George Silver and Nancy Griffith were married; that he does not remember the exact date of their marriage but believes it was in 1783 at which time he, the affiant, was 18 years of age. He signed his affidavit with his mark. His relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his wife is not stated.]

[Veteran was in at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Maryland Continental line.]