

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ephraim Sizemore R9625 Winney

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South Carolina Spartanburg District: SS

On this 6th day of March 1833 personally came in open Court, to which, the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas held for the District aforesaid before the Judge of the said Court now sitting Ephraim Sizemore a resident of the said District aged eighty-five years who being 1st 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 he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain James Anderson in the drafted militia for six months, but cannot recollect the day – month or year – in McLingburgh [Mecklenburg County] Virginia, and marched to a small town called Cobham, and thence to a place called Slep hole [Sleepy Hole?], on James River – and from this place marched to Portsmouth – where we remained until my time had expired, and was regularly discharge by my Captain James Anderson. In the fall of 1780 I again entered the service as a draft for three months under Captain Henry Spires in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jos Philips & marched to Salisbury area in North Carolina and was there appointed as one of the guard for Prisoners ordered to Virginia and marched with the said Prisoners to the Virginia line, when they were delivered to another guard, and I was shortly afterwards discharged. I have no documentary evidence of my services in my possession have lost my discharges by burning – I know of no one in this County who served with me in the Army – I do hereby relinquish every claim 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. – In answer to the questions proposed by the Court, I answer –

1 & 2nd. I was born in South Carolina but have no evidence of the date.

3rd. I lived in Mecklenburg County Virginia when I went into the service and have lived in South Carolina upwards of forty years –. 4. See within. 5. See within – 6. See within. 7. I refer to the Reverend __ and to James Ford Esquire and William Nelson who will certify may [sic, my] character for truth and morality.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ R. Gantt

S/ Ephraim Sizemore, @his mark

[Gabriel Philips, a clergyman, and James Ford and William Nelson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On May 23, 1839 in Spartanburg district South Carolina, Winney Sizemore, 94, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Ephraim Sizemore a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him on or about

the 15 day of May 1775; that her husband died on April 5, 1836 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark. Her application was supported by the affidavits of Stephen Sizemore and Margery Sizemore (relationship of the affiants to the widow not stated) who stated that they were well acquainted with the widow and that she is the widow of Ephraim Sizemore who died [indecipherable month] 5, 1836.]

[f p. 19: In an amended declaration filed September 11, 1839 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, the widow stated that she has no documentary evidence to establish her marriage; that she has no family record; that she married her husband in Macklinburgh [Mecklenburg] County Virginia; that no license was required and that her husband kept no record.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service.]