

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Agnew (Egnew) S10315

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[Alabama, Washington County]

declaration of George Agnew

On this 27th day of November in the year A.D. 1833 Personally appeared before me Josiah D. Lister Judge of the County Court of Washington County and State of Alabama George Agnew a resident of said County aged Seventy-one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as he believes in June or July in the year 1779 as a light horseman and that he was belonging to the State troops of South Carolina and he served from then till January 1783 as this declarant believes that the length of time, the effects of age in consequence of loss of memory renders it impossible for him to state the day on which he entered the service or the day on which he was discharged.

That he first entered the service under Captain Edward Martin Regiment commanded by Colonel Wynn¹ of the North Carolina line, that Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was General, that the Company to which he belonged was cancelled [sic?] from one place to another and that while he was in the service he was under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and General Marion as also under General Sumter. That he resided at the time he entered the service in Fairfield District South Carolina near Winnsboro that he marched from that place to Friday's Fort² on Congaree [River] which was captured from thence to the Eutaw Springs³ from thence to Moncks Corner captured a British sloop and burnt it, that he was in an engagement with the Tories on Pedee River and defeated them and besides these Battles herein mentioned was in several light engagements with small parties of British & Tories that he was marched to and fro in the State of South Carolina as the nature of the service required and was discharged at Orangeburg in that State.

Then the questions as required by law was passed to wit

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In the County of Antrim in Ireland in the year 1762 and came to South Carolina at about Seven years of age and was raised near Winnsboro

¹ This is very likely to be a mistaken reference to Col. Richard Winn or John Winn of South Carolina.

² A/K/A: Fort Granby at Friday's Ferry on the Congaree River: May 2-15, 1781

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortgranby.htm>

³ September 8, 1781

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

Answer. I have no record of my age and only know my age by what my parents has told me --

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

Answer. At the time I entered the Service I resided in Fairfield District South Carolina and moved from thence to the State of Kentucky where I resided 8 years and from thence to the State of Tennessee where I resided 8 years and from thence to Mississippi Territory (now State of Alabama) where I have been living for the last 17 years.

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

Answer. I enlisted in the State Troops

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.

Answer. Generals Marion [Francis Marion], Greene [Nathanael Greene] and Sumter & Colonel William Washington and as to the number of any particular Regiment he has no recollection, that he entered the service under Captain Edward Martin Major __ Mee [George Mee] Colonel Wynn commanded the Regiment under General Thomas Sumter that he served in the horse troops & furnished his own horse that at one time he was attached to the horse troops under Colonel Washington at afterwards returned again to Colonel Wynn's Regiment, that during the term of service (which to the best of his recollection was two years & seven months, he marched over South Carolina and was in many skirmishes with the Tories & British besides the Battles mentioned in this declaration --

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

Answer. I received a discharge from General Thomas Sumter which has long since been destroyed.

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.

Answer. Samuel Frisbie & Joseph Black besides I have a General acquaintance with the Citizens of my County & Country any and all of which will testify their belief of my Services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Agnew



[John Shoemaker, a clergyman, Samuel Frisbie gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Washington County: On this 21st day of October in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me Josiah D. Lister Judge of the County Court of said County of

Washington George Egnew of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-one years he being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered in the light horse troop of the State of South Carolina under Major ___ Mee [George Mee] that Colonel Edward Lacey commanded the Regiment which he belonged to, that he believes it was in the year of 17[last 2 digits unintelligible] and served until February 1782 but from the lapse of time, age and consequent loss of memory, being illiterate also, makes it impossible for him to say with certainty the precise time he entered the service, but that he believes that he served two years and six months and that he continued in service until the close of the war. That from the time he first entered the service he remained constantly therein until the close of the war when the troops were discharged from the service. That he was in General Francis Marion's Army one summer, and part of the term of his service, was under Colonel William Washington and the residue of his time was under General Lee. That at the time he entered the service he resided in Fairfield District in the State of South Carolina that he marched from Orangeburg to the place where he joined the troops when he first entered the service and marched against a Garrison called Friday's Fort on the Congaree [River] and was in the engagement when that place was captured, that he then marched down the country towards Charleston and was next in may little engagement at the place called Moncks Corner where the Troops captured a schooner this battle was under the command of General Marion, was next in the battle at Eutaw Springs under Colonel Washington who was taken prisoner at this place, and was also in another engagement with the Tories on little Pedee River at which place the Tories was entirely defeated this battle was likewise under the command of General Marion. That he marched throughout the State, but was the principal part of his time on the Pedee River and in the Country in the southern part of the State generally in pursuit of the Tories, that he suffered many privations and hardships while in the service of his Country.

1st (as laid down in the regulations) being put

Answer, I was born in Ireland in the year 1763 and emigrated to the State of South Carolina and about 7 years old and was raised and remained there until I entered the service as above stated.

2nd I have no record of my age with me.

3rd Fairfield District South Carolina that after the revolution I remained there for many years and then moved to the State of Kentucky lived there 8 years then went into the State of Tennessee and lived there 8 years and then emigrated to the Mississippi Territory now Alabama State to the County and neighborhood where I now reside in have been living for more than 18 years at this place

4th I entered the service as one of the State troops and volunteered my services I believe

5th I entered the service in the Company commanded by Captain Edward Martin, the Regiment (the number of which I do not recollect) was commanded by Major ___ Mee, & Colonel Edward Lacey, and that during my service I was under sometimes the command of Colonel Washington sometimes General Marion and sometimes General Lee all which said officers I was acquainted with, that there was many changes in the disposition of the troops made by the commanding officers to meet the emergencies of the service etc.

6th I received a discharge from General Lee which is now lossed [sic] or destroyed.

7th I refer you to Samuel Frisbie Post master at Washington Court House and Joseph Black Esquire both of those gentlemen have known me for many years besides the above named

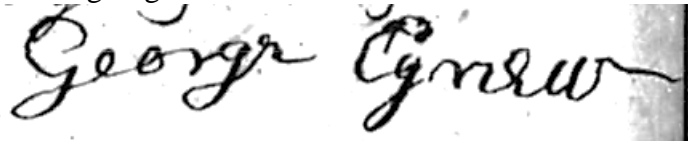
persons I refer you to all the old men in my County.

This applicant further states that he does not know of any living witness in this State which could testify that he did render the services as he has above declared there being no person who was in the service with him now living in his knowledge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Egnew

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Egnew". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Samuel Frisbie & Joseph Black gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

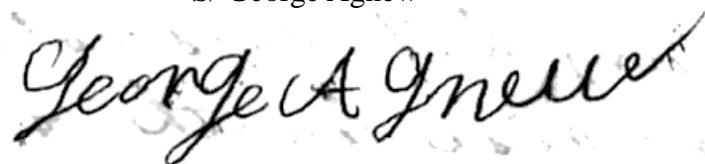
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State of Alabama Washington County: Personally came before me William Grimes a Justice of the peace for said County George Agnew who claims a pension under the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 (he the said George Agnew having forwarded to the Department of War his declaration for a pension) who being first duly sworn according to law, upon his oath declares that he served in the War of the Revolution as a soldier in the militia of South Carolina. That his first term of service was under Captain Edward Martin that under this Captain he performed 3 or more tours making as well as he can recollect 12 months. This deponent then went under Captain John Gray 2 or 3 tours but does not recollect which nor the precise length of his service under Captain Gray but believes it to be not less than 12 months, that after performing the above named tours of service he joined General Marion and served under him for a term of 6 months or more. That for the first tour he was drafted and he believes was drafted for another tour and then volunteered his services until the close of the war. That in his tours the first belonged to Colonel Winn's Regiment and then in Colonel Lacey's Regiment, that his principal service was in pursuit of Tories many of which they killed and captured and was in the battle at Eutaw Springs in South Carolina was also an engagement at Moncks Corner and at the taking a Fort on the Congaree River also at the taking of Orangeburg etc. etc. but that from his great age and consequent loss of memory it is utterly impossible for him this deponent to state precisely the time he entered the service or give the dates of particular events that transpired during his soldiership, but that the events which took place while he was in service are fresh and his recollection many of them, that he could state corroborating circumstances of his service if necessary for the satisfaction of the department but hopes that when this affidavit is annexed to his declaration that he is showing will be found sufficient to entitle his name to be placed on the Pension roll.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 28th day of July A.D. 1836.

S/ William Grimes, JP

S/ George Agnew

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George A. Agnew". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for his

service in the revolution.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to George Agnew
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 47

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[Book] Q: 407

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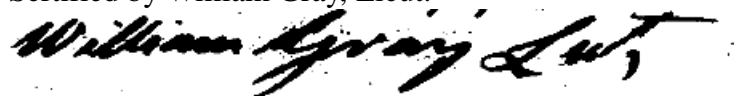
Mr. George Agnew his Account of 133 days Militia Duty Amounting to £11 Sterling.

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South Carolina Dr to George Agnew for duty done under Captain Edward Martain
[sic, Edward Martin] 21 days horseman at 20/ pr day footman 112 days at 10/ per day

Total £77.0.0

Sertified by William Gray, Lieut.



the above is sworn to by George Agnew to be just & true
sworn before me

this 5 day of December 1783

S/ John Winn J. Q.

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Received 18th May 1786 full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 407 Q p. Order

S/ John McDonald

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Gentlemen July 12, 1786

Be pleased to deliver my Indent together with the Interest due thereon to John McDonald
who will give you a Receipt for the same and in so doing you will oblige your

Humble Servant

S/ George Agnew, X his mark

Attest

S/ Jas. Milling, C. C. F. C.

To Messrs. Bocquet & Mitchell

Treasurers – Charleston

[p 6: Form of and indent dated May 18, 1785 issued to George Agnew for 133 days Militia
duty.]

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.