

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William England S10631

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State of Alabama, Perry County

On this 24th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared before Ptolemy S. Harris Judge of the Circuit Court of State & County aforesaid in open court now here sitting William England a citizen of the County aforesaid aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law makes on oath the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 under Captain Samuel Williams as an enlisted soldier the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier under whom he served about six months at which time he received a discharge which is now lost from which time until the year 1781 he was engaged very frequently in scouting parties against the Indians as he then lived on the frontier of North Carolina in a part which he believes now to be attached to East Tennessee -- That during that time likewise was for a great part of his time engaged in guarding the forts, to wit, one called Greasy Cove or Webbs [?] Station -- &c. Applicant then removed to South Carolina & volunteered in the service under Captain John Fitts Lieutenant Colonel Stafford -- & Colonel Harding [sic, William Harden] under whose command he marched to a part of South Carolina somewhere between Savannah in Charleston near Port Rial [Port Royal] island The object of said Colonel Hardin's march was supposed to be to give the arms of the Whigs the ascendancy in that part -- The first Station of Colonel Hardin in that quarter was at a place in that day known as Sheldon Hill -- On his march into that section Colonel Hardin's detachment which then consisted of only 150 man though in a fortnight it amounted by volunteers to more than 1000 was attacked at a place known then as Saltketsa [Salkehatchie or Saltketcher Bridge¹] causeway by company of British & Tories -- applicant who with seven others composed the advanced guard were the first who were fired upon by the enemy six of the eight were killed one escaped unhurt applicant was wounded by being shot through the ankle -- After having remained inactive for some weeks from his wound -- he again attached himself to Captain Fitts Company & marched with him to the Siege of Augusta [May 22-June 6, 1781], after having remained there some wrong as the services of Fitts company was required Colonel Stafford marched Fitts & two other companies under his command back again to Colonel Hardin's Regiment at Sheldon Hill & continued there until the first of August following after having remained in the service there about two months he was discharged by Colonel Harding [sic]-- he then went further up the Country & in about 10 days he attached himself to Captain John Calhoun's company at "Ninety Six" in which company he served about

¹ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/saltketcherbr.htm>

four weeks he was then transferred to Captain Samuel Moore's company of Andrew Pickens Regiment which was then only a Colonel but was afterwards promoted as this applicant believes -- he served in Captain Moore's company about two months during which time he was frequently engaged in most bloody skirmishes in one of which Captain Moore was killed by one Cunningham a Tory officer,² the command then devolved upon his Lieutenant Reid under whose command applicant remained until the arms of the Whigs had entirely triumphed in that quarter which was in the latter part of 1781 affiant was then discharged & returned to North Carolina.

Affiant states that he has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his service nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove it -- The undersigned applicant does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and does hereby declare that his name is not on any pension roll of any agency of any state

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- in Halifax County State of Virginia A.D. 1762

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

A:-- it was recorded in a family Bible, but where it is affiant knows not

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

Answer -- he lived when he entered the service in the Western part of the State of North Carolina since the revolutionary war applicant has resided in Fairfield & Richland districts South Carolina about 30 years -- about 15 years in Georgia Wilkes County -- from that time to the present his residence has been in the vicinity where he now resides --

For an answer to the fourth question refer to the declaration --

To the fifth question applicant answers that he does not remember to have served with any of the Continental or regular troops except at the Siege of Augusta where Colonel Lee was present as to the general circumstances of his service refer to declaration -- Applicant received a discharge from Colonel Sevier & one from Colonel Harden both of which are lost -- Applicant would refer aboard to David Smith, Green Lee the Reverend William Dickey, the Demarcus Jones &c as individuals who are acquainted with him & who can testify as to his credibility -- & the general reputation of his having been a soldier of the revolution --

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William England, X his mark

[Jas Meek, a clergyman, and David Chambers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Alabama Perry County

Personally came into open court now here sitting William England who under oath makes the following supplemental declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act for the relief of the surviving officers & soldiers of the revolution of June 7th 1832

1st That he entered the service of the United States as a private in North Carolina in 1776 -- under Colonel John Sevier -- & served six months -- He from that time until 1781 was engaged in scouting parties & frequently engaged for short periods in the service -- in 1781 deponent went to South Carolina & volunteered under Captain John Fitts Lieutenant Colonel Stafford & Colonel Harding & served with them they set forth in declaration six months -- & subsequently in the same year he served under Captain Calhoun & Captain Moore & Lieutenant Reid -- Colonel Pickens Regiment three months -- Affiant never served otherwise than as a

² See also the pension applications of [George Watts W1009](#) and [Hawkins Bullock S31586](#) who describe serving under Capt. Samuel Moore who was killed by William Cunningham.

private.

Attest

S/ Dunklin Sullivan, Judge

S/ William England, X his mark

State of Alabama Perry County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned justice of the peace William England who being duly sworn, depose and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he has served not less than the periods mentioned in his 1st and supplemental declarations and in the following grade; for 9 months I served as a private & for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn & subscribed to before me this the 7th day of November A.D. 1834

S/ J. C. Harrell, JP

S/ William England, X his mark

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

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to William England
Audited Account No. 2225

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[Book] O [No.] 396

No. 28

20 April 85 [1785]

Mr. William England his Account of 90 Days Militia Duty on Horseback per Captain John Calhoun's Pay Bill from 1781 to 1783 inclusive at 20/ [20 shillings old SC currency per day being the pay rate of a mounted militia man] £90

Stg. [Sterling] £12.17.1 ½

Received 20 April 1785, full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 396 – O, per order
S/ John Calhoun



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State South Carolina

Dr. to William England

for 90 Days Militia Duty on Horseback
per Captain ~~Joseph~~ John Calhoun's Pay Bill
from May 1781 till April 1783 at 10/

£90

Stg. £12.17.1 ½

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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November 18 178? [last digit illegible]

Sir Please to Deliver unto Captain John Calhoun my Indent in full and this Shall be your Receipt
S/ William England, E his mark

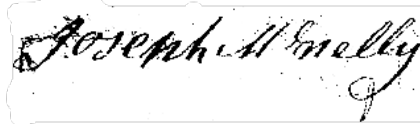
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Ninety Six District

personally came Joseph McNelly and made oath that he seen William England sign the within
order for John Calhoun Certify this for Day of October 1785

S/ Wm Moore, JP

S/ Joseph McNelly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph McNelly", enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Note: the balance of the pages in this file relate to claims for provisions provided for the
Garrison at George Town]