

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Inscoe S11363

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State of Virginia Mecklenburg County: SS

On this 15th day of September 1834 personally appeared in open Court before us Thomas M Nelson, Samuel Simmons, Samuel Daly & Edward Dodson, the Court of Mecklenburg now sitting William Inscoe a resident of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia aged seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth make 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 under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

In the month of April in the year 1776 he was drafted & detailed to march and was discharged in about one week, in 1777 he was substituted by his father James Inscoe, served in the second division under the command of Colonel Maclin, Company commanded by Captain John Burton, and marched to Portsmouth Virginia and there joined General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] and was discharged he thinks sometime in the fall serving three months. In the year 1778 he was substituted by his Brother James Inscoe and served in the seventh division a tour under Captain Benjamin Marshall & Colonel Thacker Burwell to Dinwiddie Court-House & there discharged, served about three weeks. In the year 1781 marched under Captain Richard Whitten & Colonel Tucker joined General Lawson [Robert Lawson] at Prince Edward Court-House and marched to Dandridge's old Field in Hanover County Virginia where he joined General Lafayette, from thence to Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] on James River and was there discharged he believes in New Kent County Virginia sometime in the month of August. This tour lasted about three months. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 & that he has lost all his discharges. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Inscoe, X his mark

The affidavit of Williamson Rainey Senior of lawful age taken at the Store of George Rogers in the County of Mecklenburg on Saturday the 14th June 1834 who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God saith that he served in the Revolutionary War with William Inscoe as follows viz. marched one July 1777 under Captain John Burton, Colonel Frederick Maclin & General Nelson marched directly to Portsmouth Virginia where we remained about three months discharged I think the 3rd of October in the year 1778. I also marched with the said Inscoe under Captain Benjamin Marshall & Colonel Thacker Burwell to Dinwiddie Court House & there discharged service about three weeks. In 1781 I also marched with said Inscoe under Captain Richard Whitten, Regiment commanded by Colonel St. George Tucker & General Lawson went

up James River to Point Fork [Point of Fork on James River], retreat ordered by General Steuben to Charlotte Court-House, marched back crossed James River at Carter's Ferry then joined General Lafayette at Dandridge's old Field in Hanover County from thence we marched to New Kent from which place we were discharged by order of General Lafayette. This tour Commenced the last of April & ended the first of August making about three months.

S/ George Rogers, JP
Mecklenburg County Virginia

Mecklenburg County to wit

This day William Coleman personally appeared before me Daniel T. Hicks a Justice of the peace for the said County and made oath that he served two Tours of duty with William Inscoe in the revolutionary war that the said William Inscoe served one week in the year 1776 under Captain William Lucas and three months in the year 1781 under Captain Richard Witton, Colonel St. George Tucker & General Lawson and this affiant knows that the said William Inscoe marched & was called out several other times but cannot say how long he served. Given under my hand this 17th day of June 1834

S/ D. T. Hicks

Interrogatories

Where and in what year were you born? In Essex County Virginia 10th April 1756

Have you any record of your age? I have not though I have seen it.

Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, & where do you now live? In Mecklenburg County Virginia with the exception of one that year I lived Kanawha County Virginia.

How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute –

I was drafted one & substituted for my father twice

State the names of some of the Regular officers; General Nelson, Lawson, Steuben, Lafayette, Morgan, Wayne & Muhlenberg.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Captain John Hucheson & Captain Samuel Simmons

Mecklenburg County to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid William Inscoe who being duly sworn deposeth 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 served not less than the periods mentioned above as a private soldier, to wit in the year 1776, six days, in the year 1777, three months, in the year 1778, three weeks, in the year 1781, three months, or within one week of that time and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Benjamin W Coleman, JP

[John Hutchison, a justice of the peace, and Samuel Simmons gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6

months and 20 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]