

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Ashlock S1161

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State of Kentucky

County of Nelson} SS

On this 12th day of November personally appeared in open Court before the justices of Nelson County now sitting William Ashlock a resident of Nelson County state of Kentucky aged seventy 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 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 – Under Colonel Benj Rogers [Benjamin Rogers] of Virginia Halifax county – he was commanded by Captain James Bates of the State of Virginia – he enlisted as a soldier of the Malitia for Six months, to go to Guildford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, probably in Feb or Mar 1781] – he came back and afterwards was called upon to go to York in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis – he states that he entered the service in the year [blank] the year in which Cornwallis was taken [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] and some 6 months. He states that he was at the Siege of York – the second tour, he was drafted as a minute man Mr Ashlock also states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Q Where and in what year were you born?

A I was born on the 9th of October 1762 in the state of Virginia Halifax County

q Have you any Record of your age, if so, where is it

A I have it at home in a Bible given me by my Father, registered by him

Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

When I was called into service I was living in Halifax County State of Virginia and lived there until I moved to Lincoln County Kentucky about 27 years ago – and I now live in Nelson county Kentucky
Question how were you called into service; were you drafted

Answer We were called into service by numbers & entered the service as a drafted soldier

Question 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 Capt Bates in the year [blank] & had the discharge I thought at home, but upon examination cannot find it, & presume it is mislaid or lost –

There are many persons in my neighbourhood and county who can testify to my character for veracity and good behavior