

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hammock S15442

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State of Kentucky Union County: SS

On the 17th day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Joseph Hay, John S Chapman, & John Blue Justices of the County Court of Union County now sitting William Hammock a resident of the County of Union and State of Kentucky aged seventy-two on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. General Malmadee [sic, Malmedy?], Colonel Johnson, Captain Threadgill Captain Parsons Lieutenant Scurlock that he entered the service the date not recollected in Anson County State of North Carolina as a volunteer Militia man under the command of Captain Threadgill and the Company to which this affiant belonged was attached to the Regiment of North Carolina Militia under the command of Colonel Johnson we were marched down to a place called the hanging Rock with the Regiment was stationed for a few weeks and during the time (which he believes in the month of August from the circumstance of it being peach time) the regular Army commanded by General Malmadee came on and the Regiment of Colonel Johnson to which he belonged was ordered to follow him and joined the regular Army at the Eutaw Springs which was done the next day where we fought a battle with the British and defeated them the Army was in a few days marched back to the hanging Rock where we continued until we were discharged & sent home – he states he was in actual Service three months on said expedition – that the said affiant states that he then resided in Anson County & State of North Carolina. He states that after his return home he was taken by a gang of Tories and carried by them and given up to the British Army then stationed at the Cheraw Hill on the waters of the Congaree near Wadesboro and was discharged by taking the oath of allegiance to King George of Great Britain and on the return home of this affiant he immediately joined a volunteer light horse Company commanded by Captain Joseph Parsons and continued in the

service eighteen months, our operations in this expedition was principally against the Tories who was then embodied in companies under the command of Fanning [David Fanning] Denson & Elrod our operation was confined to the State of North Carolina about the Counties of Anson Guilford and the Waxhaw settlements &c.

He states that some short time after his discharge from the last mentioned campaign he again volunteered under Captain Price and was attached to the expedition that was sent out to treat with the Creek Indians, we were marched down to a place called Shoulderbone it being the mouth of a Creek that empties into the Oconee [River] where we met the Indians, this was a three month tour. The affiant states from his youth when he was engaged in the service of his country in the revolutionary war, and his advanced age now (which has greatly impaired his recollection) he is unable to fix dates to his different Campaigns, he states that he has no doubt but he was in actual service about twenty-four months if he ever had a written discharge – he has long since lost it, or thrown it away considering it of no importance. He states that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can produce who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Hammock, X his mark

[Morris Moore, a clergyman, and John Pierson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions asked by the Court and answered by Hammock

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. – In Amelia County & State of Virginia on the 15th day of June 1760.

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

Ans. – I have not in my possession –

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

Ans. In Anson County State of North Carolina. Since the war I have lived in North Carolina, Georgia & Kentucky & now living Union County Kentucky

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

Ans. – I volunteered

Question 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.

Ans. – General Malmadee was commander, and the militia Regiment I belonged to was called Johnson's Regiment and the circumstances of the service I have stated in the declaration

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

Ans. – I have no doubt but I have had discharges but I have no doubt lost them long ago

Question 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.

Ans. – The Reverend Mr. Moore, Mr. John Pierson

State of Kentucky Union County: SS

On this 17 day of September 1833 personally appeared before John S Chapman a Qualified &

acting Justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid William Hammock a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged now 73 on the 15th day of June 1833 who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration as an amendment to his former declaration hereto attached in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. He states that from old age and consequent decline of memory – he cannot state with precision the date he entered the service of the United States, as he is illiterate & has no record of the date of fact to refer to, & his memory is his only recourse, but from his recollection he believes it was in the year 1778 or 1779. This affiant having reflected on the facts stated in his former declaration, is lead to the conclusion that perhaps he was mistaken in the fact that he was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Johnson at the scene at the Eutaw Springs, he is now under the impression that it was one Colonel Campbell command there, the Regiment to which this affiant was attached, & it was Colonel Johnson, who commanded the Regiment to which this affiant belonged at the Shoulder bone treaty as related in his former declaration. This affiant states from his best recollection the battle of the Eutaw Springs took place sometime in the fall of the year 1781 as he believes. This affiant states that the Shoulder bone treaty for the Flint River lands took place in 1780 5 or 1786, he was attached to the company of Captain Price on said Expedition, his recollection does not serve him well enough to fix dates to any other tour of duty he served, nor is this affiant certain those dates he has given all correct, but this is his best recollection. He has no other amendment or correction to make to his former declaration, except in his infor [text cut off] he has missed called the name of the General officer under whom he served, he has called him in his former declaration Malmadee, and he is now informed his name is spelled DeMalmady, but be this as it may, he was called by the soldiers of the Army Malmadee, & he is unable to read history to determine whether it is an error or not. This affiant states that by reason of old age & 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 2 years as a volunteer militia man as a private & for such service he claims a pension.

S/ John S. Chapman

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