

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William M. Castleberry S16337

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State of Kentucky, Hawkins County

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of the County aforesaid now sitting William M. Castleberry a resident in said County & State aged seventy-seven 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the State of Virginia in 1755. Removed thence to & was drafted in the State of Georgia about twenty-five miles above Augusta where he then resided (the date not recollected but is certain it was near the commencement of the Revolutionary War) and served seven months under Captain Reese Howard & Colonel Benjamin Few of the Georgia Militia on what was then called the Florida Expedition, that he marched first to Sunbury, and thence through the Wilderness until the Army crossed the St. John's [River] where being destitute of provisions the Expedition was abandoned & he marched back home – and was discharged but received no written discharge from his Officers – he feels confident that the Governor of Georgia accompanied the Expedition but cannot remember his name. That he was afterwards drafted at his residence aforesaid and served a tour of seven weeks under Captain Charles James and Colonel Henry White, was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], saw General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] there – was discharged shortly after said battle and returned home – received no written discharge does not recollect the date – was again drafted at his residence aforesaid and served a tour of one month under the same Officers – marched into the neighborhood of Ninety Six – thence by a circuitous route near the Eutaw Springs [returned] home and was discharged – received no written discharge – does not recollect the date – that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. That after the revolution he resided in Spartanburg County South Carolina until he removed to Hopkins County Kentucky where he resides.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm. M. Castleberry, X his mark

[William Bishop and Christopher Jackson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.31 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 12 days in the Georgia militia.]