

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambrose [Ambros] Hoffman S16420

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State of Kentucky Barren County Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1832 Personally appeared in Open Court before Benjamin Monroe Presiding Judge of the Barren Circuit Court now sitting Ambrose Huffman [sic] (Senior) Resident of the County of Barren & State of Kentucky aged 78 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 on the first day of July 1780 as a drafted Militia man and that he served 18 months he entered the service under Captain Posey in the first Virginia Regiment under Colonel Campbell he also served in Colonel Samuel Davis Regiment or he had the command of us whilst we were in the winter quarters at Chesterfield Court House in the State of Virginia. We marched from Chesterfield Court house under Captain Morgan and Colonel Campbell¹ Commanded the Regiment we marched through part of Virginia to join the Army commanded by General Nathaniel Green [Nathanael Greene] before we arrived at Hillsborough we joined that Army and that he was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on the 15th of March 1781 and from there we marched to Camden and he was in that battle of Camden [Second battle of Camden or the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] in which he was wounded in the left arm, that he served with Colonel Ford's [Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Ford's] Regiment from Maryland and after the Battle of Camden he was sent to a little town called Charlotte in North Carolina there he remained until his wound got well he was sent from there to Salisbury to assist in making Cartridges where he remained until the first January 1782 when he was discharged, that he received his discharge from Major Wigington & that it was signed by him, that he resided in Culpepper County State of Virginia at the time he entered the Service of the United States, that he Continued to reside there until 1797 when he removed to the State of Kentucky where he has resided ever since and that he has no documentary Evidence by which he can prove his services he left his discharge with William Walton in the State of Virginia and he does not know what has become of it and that he has been informed that Walton is dead and that there is no person by whom he can prove his service known on to him at this time.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory.

¹ Both Lieutenant Colonel Richard Campbell of the first Virginia Regiment and Colonel William Campbell of the Washington County Virginia Riflemen were in command of units at the battle of Guilford Courthouse. In my opinion, it is most likely that this veteran was under Lieutenant Colonel Richard Campbell, but that is purely a guess.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/Ambros Hoffman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ambros Hoffman", written over a horizontal dashed line.

[Sylvanus M. Bagby, a clergyman, and Joshua Barlow gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service.]