

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Irvine S16422

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State of Indiana Orange County: SS

On this 13th day of February 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Thomas Vanderson [?] Judge of the Orange County Probate Court in the State aforesaid in open Court William Irvine 76 years of age on 26th September next a resident of said County of Orange in State of Indiana who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he took the place of his brother Samuel Irvine who was drafted for a three months tour in the County of Halifax in Virginia. Applicant rendezvoused at Robbins Tavern in the State of North Carolina in the County of Caswell as well as recollected where he was received in his said brother's stead, and was placed under the command of Captain Peter Rogers. From the place of rendezvous applicant was marched to Salisbury in North Carolina where he joined the Army under Colonel Mason. He states that he entered the service about the first April 1779, from Salisbury applicant was marched to Camden thence to Sommerset [? Somerset?] in the State of South Carolina, where he joined the main Army under the command of General Steavens [sic?, Edward Stevens?], remained in camp at Sommerset something more than a month when he was discharged, his brother having been appointed first Sergeant Applicant was appointed to that post in his stead. For this tour applicant received a written discharge from his Captain bearing date at the Camp near Sommerset August 12th, 1779 and which is herein enclosed.

Sometime in the latter part of the month of May 1780 Applicant was drafted in the County of Halifax in Virginia for a three months tour he rendezvoused at Hillsboro in North Carolina under Captain Paul Waddleton [Paul Watlington or Wattlington], he entered the service at Hillsboro under Colonel Richardson [probably Holt Richardson, also spelled Holt Richeson]. Applicant was marched on to Rougely's Mill [Rugeley's Mill] in the neighborhood of Camden, Applicant being one of the baggage waggoners remained at the mill taking care of his charge upon the day of the battle at Camden [August 15-16, 1780], when the Soldiers were retreating from the field of battle Applicant was ordered to make as good a retreat as possible with his wagon, which he made good back to Hillsboro, Applicant's was as well as he recollects, one of their wagons only that escaped. Applicant remained at Hillsboro until his three months expired when he received a written discharge from Paul Waddleton Captain, which discharge he has lost but does not know when, how, or where, but misses it from his papers, he returned to his home in Halifax County in Virginia after his discharge at Hillsboro.

Applicant volunteered in the service towards the last of September 1781 under Captain

James Hill in Halifax County Virginia, He entered this tour as orderly Sergeant and was left by Captain Hill in company with Lieutenant William Watkins to join the main Army as soon as we could have our men equipped, 16 or 17 in number, in a few days after volunteering applicant with his Company proceeded on toward Yorktown where they joined the main Army under the immediate command of Captain Watkins, Hill having been confined by sickness at Petersburg – from which period Applicant acted as Ensign but never received a Commission. The Regiment entered by applicant at Yorktown was under the Command of Colonel Joseph Crockett as well as remembered a regular officer. Applicant remained at this place actively engaged in service until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis on the 19th of October 1781. From the Yorktown Applicant marched with the British prisoners to Noland's ferry on the river Potomac, where the prisoners were delivered over to the Maryland forces. At Noland's ferry applicant received a written discharge from his commanding officer, (having served his three months), Major Jones, which discharge applicant has also lost but knows not how, or where, or when –

Applicant was drafted in February 1782 from the same County (Halifax) for a term of three months when he entered the service which was in a few days after being drafted, he was appointed to drive a public wagon from Paytonsbury [Peytonsbury] (likewise Halifax old Courthouse) to the different places that he might be directed to Major McCraw (Wm [William McCraw]) was the Quarter Master at Paytonsbury. Applicant with the wagons which he drove for the Army went with loading to Richmond, New London, Charlottesville, Salisbury & other places. He served out his whole three months and got a written discharge from Major McCraw, which has been lost as the others were – Applicant was born in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia on the 26th day September 1763 upon Dan River at Irvine's ferry, he left Halifax in 1795 and settled in (then Fayette) now Jessamine County in Kentucky, where he resided until 1815 when he will Orange County Indiana where he now resides. He has a Record of his age taken from a Record kept by his father, which copy is now at his (applicant's) home in Orange County Indiana. He is well known to Ezekiel Riley, William Case and Joshua Reid who can testify as to his character for truth, veracity and their belief of his services as stated as a soldier of the Revolution. Applicant has no documentary evidence of his services further than herein stated nor does he know of anyone by whom he can make proof of his services as herein stated.

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

S/ Wm Irvine



[Joseph Redman, a clergyman, and Ezekiel Riley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and as a Sergeant for 3 months in the Virginia service.]

[Transcribers Note: There is a separate 28-page file containing no documents of substance other than the following which is the discharge referred to by the applicant.]

Camp near Sommerset S. Carolina

I do hereby certify that William Irvine at [sic, a] Sergeant in my Company of Virginia militia has served a 3 months tower [tour] of Duty faithfully. Given under my hand this 12th day

of August 1779

S/ Peter Rogers, Capt.

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Peter Rogers Capt