

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Catchum (Catcham) S16690

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State of Alabama limestone County

On this 22nd day of October 1833, personally appeared in open Court before George W. Lane a Judge of the County Court of said County of Limestone State of Alabama, now sitting Hugh Catcham a resident of said County of Limestone, age 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, That in the year ___¹ while he resided in the County of Orange State of North Carolina where he was born & raised he was drafted into the militia of said State, in the Company commanded by Joseph Young, as Captain, but that he has forgotten the name of the Colonel & the other officers of the Regiment to which said company belonged, that immediately after being drafted, he was marched under the command of General Rutherford into South Carolina & as far as the Savannah River, that there were no regular officers with the troop on this campaign. That he served five months on this campaign which was the full time for which he was drafted. That in the year 1781 he enlisted in the Army of the United States, with Captain William Little [sic, William Lytle] and served in the Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Archibald Little [sic, Archibald Lytle]. That he enlisted for twelve months & was taken prisoner at Hillsboro² in North Carolina shortly after enlisting as aforesaid & continued as a prisoner in the hands of the enemy first at Wilmington & afterwards at Charleston, about nine months in all until he was exchanged & carried into General Greene's camp where he was discharged & received a written discharge signed by said Colonel little which he has lost. That he still resided in said Orange County when he enlisted as aforesaid. That he does not know in what year he was born having no record of his age, but believes himself to be in the 70th year of his age. After the revolutionary war he removed from Orange County aforesaid into Washington County Virginia, whence he removed to Knox County Tennessee whence he removed to Limestone County State of Alabama where he has lived for the last 10 years. That he has no documentary proof of his said services & knows of

¹ From the description of the services I the veteran, I believe he probably entered the service sometime in the latter part of 1778 and served until the spring of 1779.

² He is probably referring to the engagement which occurred on September 12, 1781, in which the Tory Colonel David Fanning captured at the town and took Governor Thomas Burke as a prisoner.

no one now living by whom he can prove his services.

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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Hugh Catcham, X his mark

S/ Robert Austin, Jr. Clk

[Jonathan Parker, a clergyman, and Thomas Martindale gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line and militia for 14 months.]