

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Hugh Caruthers S16697

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State of Alabama } S.S.

Anderson County }

On this 30th day of October 1832 personally appeared before William I. Adair Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now sitting in open court Hugh Caruthers a resident of said County of Anderson in said State of Alabama, aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed the seventh day of June 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year or the begining of the year 1777 with the first Lieutenant Mathew McCauley in Capt. [James] Wilson's Company and served in the Tenth Regiment of the Continental line under the following named officers, to wit, Col. Benjamin Shepherd [sic: Abraham Sheppard], Lieutenant Col. Dozier, Capt. Wilson Lieutenant Mathew McCauley, & James Grey [sic: James Gray] orderly Sergeant, – said Caruthers states that he was a resident of the State of North Carolina in the County of Orange at the time of his enlistment that he enlisted in said county for, & served the term of twelve months. – that immediately after his enlistment in Orange he was marched down & joined his Regiment at Kingston [sic: Kinston] North Carolina where he lay for some time. from thence he marched to Tarborough [sic: Tarboro] N.C.. from thence he marched to Halifax town on Roanoak [sic: Roanoke] river in N.C. – from thence he marched up to Prides old field in N.C. from thence he marched to into the State of Virginia, where his term of service ended, & when he got his discharge. Said Caruthers states that he afterwards lost his discharge in swimming Savannah [sic: Savannah] river the applicant further states that in the summer of 1775 to the best of his recollection in the month of July, he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer & served under the following named officers as a volenteer as herein after stated, that he volenteered in said County of Orange under Capt. [William] Williams & rendezvoused at Hillsborough, North Carolina, he states he does not recollect the name of his Lieutenant – that his ensingn was by the name of Edward Gerin who moved some years since into the neighbourhood of Gallatin West Tennessee does not know whether he is alive or not. – Col. Hugh Tinnen & Gen'l. Thos. Parsons [sic: Thomas Parson] were the field officers under whom he served. – that from Hillsborough he marched to Salisbury N.C. from thence to the Catawba river to the Pleasant gardens [in present McDowell County] when Col Tinnens regiment joined the brigade they then took a tour after the indians & returned to Hillsborough when he was dismissed. he states that at this tour he received no documentary evidence of discharge. that he served at this tour three months, that there were no regular officers with them. he states that in the fall of 1776 he joined a volunteer company commanded by Capt. Andrew Venaway [probably Andrew Vanoy] in the said County of Orrange, rendezvoused at Hillsborough, & marched from thence to Camden in South Carolina, where they remained about three months & returned, & were dismissed, he states that at this tour his company officers were Capt. Venaway, Lieut. Mathew McCauley, John Roper Engs field officers Col. Lock [sic: Francis Locke], Gen'l. [Allen] Jones. he knew at Camden Capt. Dooley of the regular service, who was there enlisting – that he enlisted out of Capt. Venaways company a man by the name of Smith & another by the name of Wheeler. the applicant further states that in the month of November 1778 he served in the revolutionary war as substitute in Capt. William Jamesons [sic: William Jamieson's] company of the Militia troops. that he substituted in the place of Benjamin Howell, for five months that they rendezvoused in Hillsborough & marched from there to Salisbury North Carolina, from thence to Camden in South Carolina, & from thence to Monks [sic: Moncks] Corner near Charleston, from thence to Purisburg [Purysburgh] on Savannah river, where they joined Gen'l. [Jethro] Sumner's army. he states that his company officers were Capt. Jamison Leut. [Abraham] Allen, that he now recollects his field officers were Col. Sanders [probably James Saunders], Gen'l. Ash [sic: John Ashe]. that at Purisburgh part of his company joined a volenteer infantry company

to go up to Augusta on Savanah river, that this applicant together with his Capt. Jamison & Lieut. Allen & part of the company went where they joined Gen'l. Ash crossed the Savanah river & march down to Brier Creek [in Screven County GA], where they had an engagement with the British [3 Mar 1779]. were defeated. recrossed the river, returned to what was called the white hall, where they joined Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford, served their time out & were dismissed – that his field officers in this last service were Col. Litle [sic: Archibald Lytle] & Maj'r. [John] Nelson. – that this last was a tour of five months. He states that in the year 1780 in the month of June to the best of his recollection, he again substituted himself in the place of Isaac Stroud in the company of Capt. [William] Ray & served a tour of five months. that they rendezvoused at Hillsborough, & march down to a town called Fayette [sic: Fayetteville] on Cape Fear river, from thence to South Carolina & joined Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates, from thence to Rugeleys mills in South Carolina, in about five miles of which place near Camden we had an engagement with the British, when we were defeated & which battle was called Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. the army was greatly scattered they met at Hillsborough in N.C. where they lay a short time & were from thence marched up to Salisbury, & from thence to Beaties ford on the Catawba river [now under Lake Norman], where they were dismissed. his company officers were Capt. Ray, Leut. [William] Horton & Ensign Ray, field officers Col. [Stephen] Moore, Gen'l. [Richard] Caswell (Col. Henry Dixon of the Regulars.) this tour was five months. he states that he has no documentary evidence of any of his services. 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 any agency of any state. sworn to & subscribed this 30th day of October 1832 in open court. Hugh hisXmark Caruthers