

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Day S16755

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State of Alabama Dallas County} SS

On this eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in Open Court, before the County Court of the County of Dallas, now sitting, William Day a resident of and in the County and State aforesaid, aged Seventy nine years in August 1833, 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 as a private mounted volunteer Soldier, under the command of Captain John Carter that his Colonel was first Colonel Purvis [John Purvis] and afterwards Colonel Leroy Hammond [LeRoy Hammond] his General was General Andrew Williamson, that he belonged to the South Carolina militia or Volunteers, that he cannot recollect when he entered the service only that he knows it was at the beginning of the revolutionary War through which he continued to serve to the end of the war, except such time as the British bore rule in South Carolina say as well as he recollects about two years. This Applicant served altogether more than two years, and as well as he can ascertain he believes about four years. This Applicant never had any documentary evidence of his Service. John Pierce<sup>1</sup> & Fielding Reynolds Senior<sup>2</sup> who are now in Court can testify to his services, there is no other within his knowledge in this State who can. There are several who can testify to his service living in Edgefield District, South Carolina, the distance between them and him, his age prevents his procuring their evidence. 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. He further declares that there is not any clergyman residing in his vicinity who can testify to the belief of the neighborhood as to this Applicant's revolutionary services. He further makes as part of his declaration the following answers to the Interrogatories<sup>3</sup> directed & prescribed by the War Department, to wit,

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<sup>1</sup> [John Pierce S17021](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Fielding Reynolds S17041](#)

<sup>3</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and

1. To the first, That he was born in Edgefield District, South Carolina; he cannot recollect the year of his birth; he is unlettered and has kept in his memory an Account of his age and makes himself Seventy nine years of age next August. He was born in a Fort, while the inhabitants were fortified against the Cherokees. He has understood that troops were then sent to relieve the whites from England.
2. To the second; That he has never had any record of his age; and he believes been never was any made.
3. To the third; That he was living in Edgefield District, South Carolina, about ten miles from Augusta, when called into service, and has lived in that District ever since the revolutionary War until about twelve or thirteen years ago -- when he removed from thence to Dallas County, Alabama, where he has ever since resided.
4. To the fourth: That he was a mounted volunteer.
5. To the fifth, That he knew Colonel Samuel Hammond of the regular Army Colonel Leroy Hammond commanded the troops who marched from Augusta to meet the British as they advanced from Savannah; this Applicant was a soldier under Colonel L. Hammond in that expedition. The American forces being too weak to withstand the enemy, had to retreat, upon which retreat Applicant was on the rear guard. Applicant was at the siege of Augusta where Colonel L. Hammond commanded under General Williamson Commander of the American forces, the time he cannot recollect.<sup>4</sup> Applicant was one of the Soldiers at the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779], General Andrew Williamson commanded the American forces: this Applicant knew him new a regular officer by the name of Prince who died of the wounds he received in that battle: Applicant was not in the engagement, having been detailed to guard the cattle. Applicant was also in several other skirmishes with the enemy. He cannot recollect in particular the Continental and militia regiments with whom he served only as to the officers with whom and under whom he served. Some part of his time he served under General or Colonel Andrew Pickens of South Carolina, and some part of his time he acted as a pilot or guide to the horse troops under General Nathaniel Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene]. He also served 4 or 5 months in a scouting party under Captain John Hammond.
6. To the Sixth; That he never did received any written discharge. He was discharged from the service verbally by his old Captain John Carter.
7. To the Seventh; That Daniel Hardy, John Hardy Esquire, Colonel Friedman Hardy, Richard Blaylock, John Grumbel Esquire & Major Benjamin Grumbel are known to him and can testify as to his character for veracity and their opinion of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

S/ William Day, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James D. Craig, Clk

I John Pierce Senior residing in the County of Dallas, and State of Alabama, hereby certify, that I have been acquainted with the foregoing Applicant William Day from the Commencement of the revolutionary War, that the Applicant and this witness served between two and three years together in the revolutionary war under Captain John Carter in the South

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militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

<sup>6</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

<sup>7</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

<sup>4</sup> Probably the first Siege of Augusta Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780]

<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

Carolina volunteers; subsequently they were in the service together under Captain John Hammond; there Colonel was Colonel Leroy Hammond.

S/ John Pierce, Senior, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James D. Craig, Clk

I Fielding Reynolds residing in the County of Dallas & State of Alabama, certify that I have been acquainted with the applicant William Day since 1781, that said Applicant was then a Soldier in the revolutionary War, and that this witness frequently afterwards seen Applicant in the service between the time aforesaid & the end of the war & he has no doubt that a period of two years elapsed between the first time he seen Applicant in the service & the last time he seen Applicant in service.

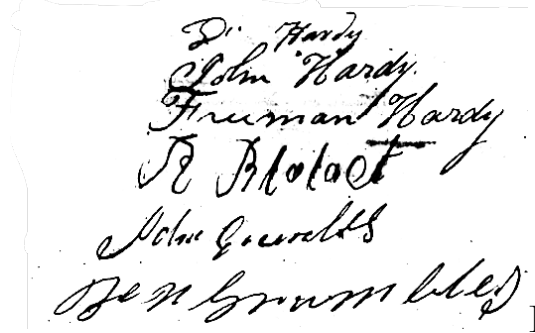
S/ Fielding Runnals



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James D. Craig, Clerk

[Daniel Hardy, John Hardy, Freeman Hardy, Richard Blalock, John Grumbles and Benjamin Grumbles gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the South Carolina militia.]