

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Darden S16757

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State of Alabama Tuscaloosa County} SS

On this Sixth day of October personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of said State, now sitting in said County, George Darden a resident of said County and State, aged Sixty-nine years on the 21st of January 1832, 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 in the month (perhaps the last day) of February 1779, he entered the military Service of the United States as a militia man, (whether by draft or volunteering not recollected) in defense of the people of Georgia, &c against the Cherokee Indians, who were then fighting the whites as allies in aid of the Kingdom of Great Britain, under Captain __ Cunningham & Major Burwell Smith & Colonel John Dooly, in the County of Wilkes in the State or Colony of Georgia, served fifteen or twenty days had an engagement with said Indians, killed nine of them & rescued considerable plunder they were taking off from the whites. That about the first of April 1779, he again entered the service of the United States as a militia man, in the settlement of Long Cane, in the State of South Carolina (whither he & others had fled for refuge from the hostile Indians) under Captain John Cowen (Major not recollected) & Colonel Andrew Pickens, and served four months to about the first week in August, during which tour he was in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]¹ under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. That about the first of September of the same year he again entered the service of the United States against Great Britain, in the said Settlement of Long Cane in the State of South Carolina, under the said Captain Cowen, who led his company immediately into Georgia, joined the Georgia Troops, commanded by Colonel Dooly aforesaid & marched to the Siege of Savannah² under his command where we joined the American Army under General Lincoln, who was aided by & associated with General Pulaski who was killed at said Siege: the Count d'Estaing was also there & was wounded, perhaps in the arm. After the expiration of said Siege the Company to which he was attached returned into South Carolina & were discharged from the Service about the 25th of December 1779. That he has no documentary evidence of his service aforesaid and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

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.

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

