

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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Missouri Certificate 26,203
Charles Finnell
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State of Missouri
County of Randolph
On this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & Thirty four personally appeared in open court before the county court of Randolph County now sitting, Charles Finnell a resident of Silver Creek township in the county of Randolph, state of Missouri, aged seventy two 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That is to say he entered the service of the United States aforesaid a private militia man in the year of our Lord 1778 in a regiment commanded by Col Henry Hill, Major Kirtly [probably Elijah Kirtly of Culpeper militia] perhaps, tho not certain commanded a battalion of said regiment, no. of regiment not recollected. That he served under Capt. Mark S Phinx [probably Mark Finks] who commanded a company in the aforesaid regiment. That he served this first tour

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A substitute in the place of one Henry Bach, a private militia man aforesaid. He resided in Culpeper County, State of Virginia when he entered the service, rendezvoused at Barnett's ford on the Rappadon River in said county, a substitute as aforesaid. He marched from Bennett's Ford near Petersburg a direct course. The British here took another route & were not pursued. Was acquainted with none of the regular officers on this tour nor with any of the Continental or militia except those he served under. He entered the service in the first part of August in the year of 1778 aforesaid & left the said service of this campaign the first of October the same year after having discharged the duty of a two month tour in the full, when he returned home. That he has no documentary evidence of his aforesaid services & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to them. He doesn't recollect the names or numbers of the Continental companies or regiments with which he served on this first tour.

2d. That he entered the service of the United States on a second tour of duty a drafted militia private

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In the first part of April in the year of our Lord 1781 under the following named officers, Col. Green, Major Edmond Terril, Capt Henry Toler, no. of the regiment, battalion, & company in which he served not recollected. He lived in the aforesaid Culpeper County (Va) when he entered on this second tour of duty. Rendezvoused at Culpeper Court house. Thence marched down near Richmond (Va) & relieved the Virginia militia who were in the service previously. The next day after arriving here the regiment in which he served was put under the command of French

General De Clomonde (or some such name). [perhaps Rochambeau?] Shortly afterwards being possessed by the British the said regiment under the said Gen. De Clomonde marched (or rather retreated) back toward Orange County (Va.). Here the the [sic] declarant took sick & was unable to march with the army till it had returned & marched down near Fredericksburgh (Va.). Here he met with a detachment of the U. States Army, but doesn't recollect any of the officers' names with said detachment. Had no battle here nor any engagement with the enemy while on this tour. [p10]

Having served out a tour of two months the whole regiment with this declarant were discharged & dismissed & went home to Culpeper having served wither in the garrison or the field a full two months tour of duty. He was discharged from the service in the first part of June in the year of our Lord 1781 aforesaid. And that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

3d. And that he entered the service of the United States on a third two month tour in the first part of the month of August 1781, a private militia man, a substitute in the place of one Thomas Flint. His residence was then in Culpeper County (Va.) aforesaid. He entered the service at the Drinking Springs above Williamsburgh (Va.). Thence marched thru Williamsburgh afd. Encamped several days below Williamsburgh thence marched directly down to the Siege of York. He entered the service aforesaid in a regiment commanded by a Col. James Barber [James Barbour], Major Welch, & Capt. Jasper Haynes commanded a battalion & company in _____. At [p11]

York the said regiment was put under the general command of Gen. Edward (Neal) Stephens a militia General (not known whether he was a commandant of a brigade or of a division). Was here till the siege was carried by the American Army against the British. He was well acquainted with Genl. Washington by sight as well as with Gen. Anthony Wayne & the French Genls. La Fayette & De Clomonde and with the commissary at York by the name of Crump. There were frequent rallies from the garrison by the British in small parties and they would turn out mules & asses for the American soldiers to run after. That they might have an opportunity by the diversion to shoot at & kill them. He knew many of the American officers by sight. That he now does not recollect the names of. The Siege was _____ by the Americans on the 19th day of April Oct 1781 when the whole British garrison marched out with Lord Cornwallis at their head. He marched with the British prisoners from York to Fredericksburgh & from thence by [p12]

Falmouth (Va.) where he got his discharge from a Major Welch whose Christian name was perhaps Nathaniel. Thence he went home to Culpeper County, having discharged a full two months tour of duty. He was born in Orange County (Va.). His parents removed to Culpeper County same state when he was very young and took him with them/ He was born in the year of our Lord 1762. He has no record of his age. His age was recorded in his father's family bible but the record is now lost. He lived in Culpeper County (Va.) when called into the service. Since the revolutionary war he has lived thirty or about years in the state of Kentucky & ten years in the state of Missouri where he now lives. He never received any other discharge from the service that he recollect of than the one he has herein before spoken of. And this declarant further states & declares that the only discharge he ever received from the service aforesaid he has long since lost, never expecting to have any use for it. & that he never received a commission, but was offered the appointment of a sergeant & declined to accept it.

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And that this declarant is himself a clergyman of the Baptist denomination. And that the names of persons in his present immediate neighborhood to whom he is known and who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution are: James Ratliff, a clergyman & county commissioner & Robt Letcher of county and _____ and the declarant further declares &c that each & every part of the three several aforesaid two month tours of duty, was served wither in the field or the garrison when this declarant was not so afflicted by bodily infirmity or disease as to render him unable to serve. When it was necessary to lie by in the camp.

And this declarant further states &c that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can produce who can testify to his service in any of the three afd tours of duty because his contemporaries and fellow soldiers have, or any of them, left he himself migrated to distant parts from their native country & still greater number have died & even if any do survive they live so far remote from the declarant as to render it quite improbable if not impossible for him to procure their testimony or that of any of them) – hence this declarant must [p14]

rest his claim on this his own declaration.

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 the agency of any state (signed) Charles Finnell

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid (signed) Robert Wlson, clk

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James Ratliff, clergy

Wm Fort, neighbor

Robert Wilson, clerk

John Dysart, judge

Jno Uler

Arch^d Shoemaker, Judge