

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hickman S16877

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State of Missouri County of Monroe, Sct.

On this 19th day of August 1834, personally appeared before the Honorable David Todd, Judge of the first Judicial circuit (including the County of Monroe aforesaid) William Hickman, a resident of Washington Township, in the County of Monroe & State of Missouri aforesaid, aged seventy-seven years, seven months and twenty-five days, 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the military service of the United States in the year 1776 in the month of February, under Captain George Henry Barringer, and served in the Regiment of Colonel Retherford [Griffith Rutherford], under the following named Officers: Colonel Retherford, Major Frank Locke [Francis Locke] & Captain Geo. H. Barringer. He volunteered into this service, for three months and after the rendezvous at Salisbury in Rowan County he was marched to Cross Creek (a town on the Cape fear [River]) now believed to be Fayetteville – about 150 miles from the place of rendezvous aforesaid. At Cross Creek they encountered a band of Tories, and made a large number of them prisoners. The Company he was in was engaged in no other action worthy of record during this tour.

In August of the same year (1776) I volunteered to a 3 month tour against the Cherokee Indians under the Officers aforesaid (except that Colonel Retherford had been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General). During this tour we had an engagement with the Cherokees on the Hiwassee River, and killed several of them.

In the month of September 1778 I was drafted for a five months tour, under Captain James Craig, but before I was long in this service, I was taken so sick as to be unable to perform military duty. Disliking to go to the Hospital, I engaged my brother, Joseph Hickman (now believed to be dead) to go in my place. He completed the tour of five months for me, for I saw the discharge, signed by General Retherford.

In the year 1780, I again entered the service under Captain William Temple Cole & my old Captain (then Colonel) George Henry Barringer, and served a tour of twelve months against the Tories who greatly infested that part of North Carolina. At one time, during this tour of service we took a large number of them – a sufficient number (as I well recollect) to fill the jail at Salisbury. The principal services rendered, however, was (as was the design) to prevent, by our occasional presents, here and there, all over the Country the Tories from collecting and organizing themselves which we accomplished saved in the following instance: In August 1780, the company of Captain Cole (to which I belonged) was ordered to scour both sides of the Yadkin [River] above Pedee [River], while General Retherford and the rest of the Army went in quest of Tories on Pedee. We were ordered to join the main Army on a given day at the mouth of Rocky River, on the Pedee & arrived there the day after Rutherford's battle with the British & Tories at that place. He remembers no other incident connected with this Campaign worthy of recording.

In the month of August 1782, I was again drafted for one months service under Captain Kelenworth [sic?], to go to the River Ediston [Edisto River], in South Carolina, to keep down the Tories in that quarter. We performed the tour, nothing occurring worthy of recording.

He knows of no living witness to his services aforesaid.

To the questions directed to be propounded by the War Department, the applicant answers:

1. He was born in the County of Cecil in the State of Maryland, on the 25th of December 1756.
2. He has a record of his age, at his home in this County, which he copied from the family record of his father.
3. He was living in the County of Rowan North Carolina when he was called into the service aforesaid. Since the Revolutionary War, he has lived in the County of Wilkes, Georgia; in the Pendleton District in South Carolina & in the County of Warren, Kentucky. He now resides in Monroe County Missouri.
4. The first second & fourth tours of duty he was a volunteer. The third & fifth tours I was drafted.
5. He states the names of General Retherford & Colonel Barringer & Major Locke as the only officers of distinction who were with the troops where he served – and recollects the name of no other Regiment besides the one to which he belonged.
6. He received discharges signed by General Retherford for his two first tours of service, which he has lost or mislaid in moving. He does not think he received any discharge for his three last tours.
7. He states the names of Reverend Washington and Lee and John Davis to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Edward M. Holden, Clk

S/ William Hickman



[Washington Lee, a clergyman, and John Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: The veteran died August one, 1839 survived by a widow (not named).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]