

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Larrimore (Larimore) S16913

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State of Tennessee County of McMinn} SS.

On this 3rd day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said County, Hugh Larrimore a resident of said County and State, aged about 72 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, and served as herein stated.

He entered the service of the militia of North Carolina ^{at the age of 16 years} in November 1776 in Guilford County, under Colonel Hampton [Andrew Hampton],¹ Captain Waddy Tate [Wadell Tate] and Lieutenant John Davis, and served four months. He was in no battle, but served out his time, and was discharged at Camden, South Carolina. When this term of service expired, a number of the corps to which declarant belonged, enlisted for 3 years. Declarant returned home to his mother who was a widow, and who then moved to Caswell County North Carolina. Declarant again entered the service for four months and was, for a while, under the orders of a Major Campbell [probably Maj. James Campbell of the Guilford Regiment], of the regular service as declarant understood, whose Christian name, declarant believes was James. The rendezvous of the troops was now at Guilford Court House, whence they were marched under Campbell's orders to the town of Charlotte, where the company elected a Captain whose name was Jonas Frost, their Lieutenant was Isham Hancock, and they were attached to Colonel Hampton's Regiment. They were marched to Charleston, where declarant saw several of his acquaintances in the first tour, whose term of service was just then expiring, and they were returning home. From this circumstance alone, declarant is able to say that the year was 1779, as those troops had enlisted for three years in the early part of 1777, or latter part of 1776. While declarant was at Charleston in this second tour, the enemy formed the siege of that place. Declarant saw the *Boston*,² the *Ranger*³ and a French vessel driven up to the city pursued by

¹ Tryon County Regiment commander at that time

² Probably the *Boston*, 24/32 guns, 1777-80. Buel:86, 87, Sheppard:358, ND5:102, 159, 1178, Continental frigate, 24 guns, Capt Hector McNeill, then Captain John Manley, who with the frigate Hancock, captured the British ship Fox at Grand Banks, Jun 1777. Connor:167 (1878), in action in English waters in 1778. Smith:203, this ship was assigned to protect West Indies merchantmen on their return trips in 1779. Smith:247, protected the harbor entrance at Charleston in 1780 but was later captured there by Admiral Arbuthnot's fleet. C204, 317, ND11:320 and many

the British vessels and landed their guns on the wharf. The British landed on John's Island, & marched by land up the Ashley River, and posted some guns in a position to bombard the town. Either the *Boston* or *Ranger* went up the River, and tried to dislodge them but failed. A British vessel made an attempt to approach the city through Wappoo inlet & by ascending him the Ashley River. It raised a great alarm. The vessel was fired upon from a Fort on the side of the River on which the city is, and was repulsed. About this time, his time of service expired, and he returned home. His mother now married and deponent's services not being needed at home, he joined the State troops as a volunteer for the balance of the war, in the Regiment of Colonel William O'Neil [sic, William O'Neal of the Orange County Regiment], and Captain Edward Gwinn's Company, William Gwinn Lieutenant and continued in this service till peace was made. Declarant lived, while this service continued, in the bounds of Gwinn's Company; and, on one occasion, when General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was about to engage Cornwallis on Alamance River, he called the State troops in the service, or rather caused them to be concentrated, and declarant, with the rest of the Army, was drawn up in order of battle. The advanced portion of the armies met, and had a hot skirmish, but Cornwallis declined a general engagement, which declarant understood, General Greene was desirous of bringing on. The corps to which applicant belonged had their rendezvous at Colonel William O'Neil's, 25 miles above Hillsboro' and were engaged principally in Orange and Rowan counties, and on the waters of Deep River. This service performed by these troops was to keep the Tories in check, and Cross Creek, a water of Cape Fear River was near the center of their settlement. The Tories were commanded by Colonel Fanning or Fannon [David Fanning]. This Col. Fanning, on one occasion, robbed the public tan-yard, kept by the Dowdies, O'Neil being informed of this by Captain Gwinn, pursued and overtook them in the afternoon of the day of the robbery, and a pretty one battle ensued, in which the Tories lost 9 and killed, and 14 taken. Declarant was in this skirmish. The troops were also engaged in guarding the mill in their neighborhood, and especially that of one Zacheus[?] Tate.⁴

Declarant received written discharges at the end of each of the above said terms of service, but they are long since lost and cannot be produced. He knows of no person, who is accessible to him, who has a personal knowledge of his services.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the 3rd day of September 1832

others, other Capts were Hector McNeill in 1777 and Samuel Tucker in Feb 1778 and Apr 79. Crewmen are listed in MAS. Mentioned 1776-1784 in Cont. Congress. JA6:158 7:60, 9:92, and many other references. (Some historians believe there were two frigates named Boston, but that both were lost at Charleston. This seems unlikely.)

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³ Probably the *Ranger*. 18 guns, crew of 158, 1777-1780. GWA:701, ND10:1108, ND11:1197n, Fanning:107, Buel:87-89, U. S. Navy frigate, under John Paul Jones, operated in Irish Channel in 1778. Fowler:103, others, C171, 280, 281, 323, Cont. Capt Thomas Simpson, Feb 1779. Maclay:120, 206, in action in West Indies in 1779. FW3:836, Dandridge:174-175, Smith:248, SchV:54, used in the defense of Charleston, but was captured there in 12 May 1780 by HMS *Raleigh* and other vessels. The crew for this frigate is listed on JA6:183 and on other pages of that volume. JA7:3, 398, 9:224, 471. The frigate was taken into British service and renamed the *Halifax*.

It is said to have been sold as a merchant ship in 1781. Paullin:517.

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S/ Hugh Larimore, X his mark

[Jesse Dodson and Nathaniel Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee McMinn County: Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Hugh Larrimore the within declarant, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, nor as to the periods of the war when he served, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, & in the following grades. For four months, the first tour, I served as a private; for four months, the Second tour, I served as a private ^{and I also served six months as a volunteer}; and for such service I claim a pension. I have no documentary evidence of my service, nor is it in my power to produce any proof, except traditionary, of my service.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 4th day of June 1833

A. H. Napier, JP

S/ Hugh Larimore, X his mark

[p 5: Veteran applied on March 6, 1844 a transfer of his pension benefit payments to the State of Missouri County of Cooper to be with his son with whom he lives. His application was supported by Roland Larimore (relationship, if any, not stated) whose signature appears as follows:

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum or 14 months service in the revolution.]