

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Snelson S17111

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State of Missouri, Crawford County} SS

On this 24th day of June in the year 1833 personally appeared before William E. Hawkins and George H. Coppidge Judges of the County Court of the County aforesaid, Thomas Snelson, a resident of Crawford County in the State of Missouri, aged Seventy-Three years the fourth day of July last, 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 was born in Buckingham County in the State of Virginia on the fourth day of July in the year 1759, as appears to him by a record which he has of his age, and on the 15th day of July 1777 he enlisted for three years and entered the service of the United States under Captain Joseph Duncan, Lieutenant Robert Middleton Ensign Thomas Rany, Commanded by Colonel John Stuart [sic, John Stewart] & Lieutenant Colonel Elijah Clarke and marched through the State of Georgia and crossed the Altamaha River at fort Barranton [sic, Fort Barrington] and crossed the St Tilley's River [sic, Satilla River] and St. Mary's [River] into East Florida and returned into the State of Georgia and received a written discharge at a place called Midway Meeting house, near Sunsbury [sic, Sunbury], signed by Colonel Stewart, Col. Clarke, Captain Middleton, Lieutenant Duncan in July 1778 making one Year's Service, tour was generally known by the name of the Florida expedition, ¹ residence at the time of enlistment entering the service was in York County in the State of South Carolina and was in no engagement during that Tour and in the Year 1779 this deponent was a resident of Edgefield County in the State of South Carolina and substituted for one Robert Holiday and was in the Service 42 days under Captain Drury Pace Lieutenant Henry Grabel [sic, Henry Graybill] Commanded by Colonel Leroy Hammond, and marched into the State of Georgia to Savannah and during the tour sometime in the month of September 1779 was in an engagement at Savannah, Continental officers General Marion [Francis Marion] & Colonel Horry [in which engagement General Pulaski and Sergeant Jasper fell, ² and marched to Hutson's Tavern in Georgia & were dismissed but received no written discharge. And in the year 1780 this deponent was a resident of Wilkes County in the State of Georgia and volunteered under Captain Henry where Lieutenant Hughy Gillilin [sic, Hugh Gilliland?] commanded by General Clarke and marched to Augusta in the State of Georgia and there fought the British, Tories and Indians from Wednesday till Monday this tour lasted 10 days and was called the first Siege of Augusta, ³ during which engagement the British reinforced

¹ Probably a reference to the Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778

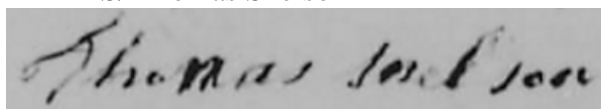
<http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html>

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

³ Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

and General Clarke with his troops was compelled to give ground this deponent received no written discharge, and in March 1781 this deponent still a resident of Wilkes County in the State of Georgia and volunteered under Captain William Walker and Lieutenant Thomas Holiday commanded by General Clarke and marched to the City of Augusta in the State of Georgia, and there remained until in the month of May following and stormed a fort of Tories commanded by Colonel Grayson [sic, James Grierson] in which engagement we killed 24, wounded 33 and took upwards of 70 prisoners.⁴ Captain Josiah Done [Josiah Dunn?] was the first man that entered the fort and cut down their colors. In about the third day of June Colonel Brown [Thomas "Burntfoot" Brown] a British officer surrendered up his troops. And we were dismissed but received no written discharge after a tour of three months and three days, our Continental officer Colonel William Washington,⁵ he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Thomas Snelson



Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Harrison, Clerk

Q By the court, where & in what year were you born

A In Buckingham County in the State of Virginia

Q have you any record of your age

A I have a record of my age at home

Q where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live

A In Georgia & South Carolina when called into service and have lived since the revolutionary war in North Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio my present residence is in Crawford County Missouri

Q how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom

A Enlisted first for three years and was discharged in one year. Substituted for Robert Holiday 42 days, volunteered the balance of my tours

Q State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services

A Governor Houston, General Lewis, Continental officers. Militia officers at first Siege of Augusta – Colonel John Dooly, last siege of Augusta Continental officer Col. William Washington services before stated

Q did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

A I received a written discharge in the month of July 1778 given me by Colonel John Stewart, Colonel Elijah Clarke, Captain Robert Middleton, & Lieutenant Matthew Duncan for one years services. The discharge I gave to Captain Middleton after I had kept it a good many years in order to obtain a bounty of land, but I did not get the bounty of land, nor do I know what has become of the discharge, for I have never heard of it since I gave it Captain Middleton.

⁴ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

⁵ William Washington was not present at the taking of Augusta. Troops under the command of Henry ["Light Horse Harry"] Lee were present at the taking of Augusta.

Court. 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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution

A David Lenox, clergyman, William E. Hawkins, Judge of the County Court and James Harrison Clerk of this Court are all acquainted with me and I know of no person who can testify as to my actual services, whole term of Services charge for is 1 year 4 months 25 days.

[David Lenox, a clergyman, James Harrison & William E. Hawkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.08 commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 4 months and 25 days in the Georgia and South Carolina service.]