

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Solomon Sydars S17136

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Rockbridge County } 29th Sep 1832
State of Virginia }

On this 29th day of Sept in the year 1832 personally appeared before me John McCorkle a Justice of the Peace for the s'd County of Rockbridge, Solomon Sydars aged 82 years, a resident in s'd. County 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. This applicant states tht he was draughted in Frederick Town in Maryland for different terms amounting to Three months and one half and served under Col Baker Johnston. William Lucket was his Lieu. Jacob Young was his Capt. Basil Bell was his Lieutenand, & Michael Bouyer was his orderly Sergeant. He states that his service was in guarding the Tories in Frederick Town, the principal part of whom he thinks brout from Carolina. And recollects three distinguished Tories, (all dressed in gold, as he states) who were from Carolina. He cannot now recollect the time of this service, but believes it was near about the Battle of Trenton [28 Jun 1778]. He received a discharge, but deposited it in his comrades Pocket Book, and has never seen it since.

This applicant farther states that he was draughted at Leesburg in Loudoun County, in the State of Virginia, for 2 months, about the 2nd or 3rd of May in the year in which Cornwallis surrendered (1781) under Col [John] Alexander, whose place was a short time afterwards supplied by Col West [possibly George West] of Loudoun. Four companies went from the county, under Capt Cleaveland [possibly James Cleveland], Capt. McGurd, Capt. McHenry, & Capt Wm. Lewis, all of Loudoun County, and marched to Falmouth on the Rappahannock - thence to Fredericksburg, where they drew arms, ammunition, and other camp Furniture - thence to Richmond & then about 4 days journey below Richmond, where they joined the several forces under General Lafayette, and Gen [Anthony] Wayne (called by the soldiers Mad Anthony) He states that he was in no battles, during this Tour, having been draughted (as a Bullock Guard) under Seargant Grace, to guard cattle upon Pamunky [sic: Pamunkey] River, during which service the battle of James Town was fought [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781]. This service continued 4 weeks. He received a discharge from Capt Lewis, which he has lost, and arrived at Home the 19th of August succeeding. This date is impressed upon his memory from the circumstance of his son Conrad with whom he now lives, having been born 10 days after his arrival, which birth was on the 29th of August in the year Cornwallis surrendered. This applicant believes that his service as a soldier amounts to 7½ months.

This applicant states that he was born upon Sea in october or november in the year 1749. He has no record of his age.

He states that he was living within 7 miles of Frederick Town in Maryland, when first called into service — In Loudoun County, State of Virginia when called his 2nd Tour and has been living in the afores'd County of Rockbridge for the last 24 years.

This applicant can refer to the personal knowledge of no living witness to his services but refers to Addisson Gilmore & Henry McCorkle of his neighborhood as evidence in his behalf. also to the Rev'd. Andrew Davidson.

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 & subscribed the day and year above written

Solomon hisXmark Sydars