

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of David Tomb S17155

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State of Missouri }
County of Pike }

On this first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the County Court of said Pike County now sitting David Tomb a resident of said Pike County in the State of Missouri aged sixty nine years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement or declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, I volunteered in Chester District in the State of South Carolina some time in June AD 1780 under Capt James Reid and Lieutenant John McCool company officers and our field officers were Gen. Thomas Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] and Major Richard Winn, we joined the camp at Clens Branch which was in the northern part of South Carolina. The first battle in which I was engaged was at Rocky Mount about the first of July 80 [30 Jul 1780], and the next engagement was at Hanging Rock eight days after the first [6 Aug], all of the above named officers under whom I entered the service command in both these engagements, Sumpters defeat [Skirmish at Fishing Creek, 18 Aug 1780] which took place a few days after Gen. [Horatio] Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug] was the next engagement in which I was engaged, these defeats took place in the latter part of the summer of -80. After Sumpters defeat we marched to the town of Charlotte in Maclinlenburg [sic: Mecklenburg] County in the state of North Carolina. The last battle in which I fought was the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] in which I served in the capacity of Sergeant under the command of Brigadier General Andrew Pickens Daniel Hopkins was Lieutenant Colonel of Col. (formerly Major) Winns Regament — this battle was fought in the latter part of the Summer -81. In the year -82 I marched from home (Chester County) to Four Hole [Four Holes] Bridge within about forty miles of Charleston under command of Col. William Bratton. From Four Hole Bridge to Lawrence Ferry (afterwards Pinkney) [possibly Laurens Ferry afterwards Pinckney] on the river Santee. Robert Frost was the Capt of the Company. I knew that General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was commander in chief of the Regulars at the battle of Eutaw. tho I was not personally acquainted with him, I was personally acquainted with Brig. Gen. Andrew Pickens and Col Wade Hampton of South Carolina Cavelry — I was generally in the service untill the latter part of July -82 when I was discharged while under the command of Col. Bratton, verbaly at Lawrence Ferry on the Santee —

I was born in the County Entrin [sic: Antrim] in Ireland in the year 1763 according to the Register of the family Bible and information of my parents. We removed from Ireland in the Kingdom of Great Britian when I was in my fifth year to what was called Craven County in the state of South Carolina and in 1779 I removed to Chester County in said state, where I resided untill the autumn of 1818, when I removed to the County of Lincoln in the State of Missouri where I remained for one year and then removed to the County of Pike where I now reside and have resided ever since. I further states that I know of no person now residing in this state who was in the service with me or knows personally of having served as above stated — I never received any written discharge. The company was frequently disbanded and then permitted to return home with the understanding and agreement that they were to keep themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning and that I did thus hold myself in readiness and did obey all general calls made upon me during the times first specified. While at home I was obliged to hide and secrete myself to avoid being taken by the enemy thus rendering my situation as hasardous as though I had been in actual service — I have been long personally known to James Campbell by whom I expect to prove my character for truth and veracity.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state [signed] David Tomb