

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wash S17183
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State of Missouri Marion County: Sct

On this 13th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before James Jamieson and Daniel Hendricks two of the Judges of the County Court within and for the County of Marion in the State of Missouri now sitting, John Wash Senior a resident of Union Township in the said County of Marion aged eighty 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.

In the year 1778 about the first of June of that year I volunteered in the Army of the State of Georgia and acted as issuing commissary in what was then called the Florida expedition commanded by Governor John Houston in person who was Governor of Georgia at that time. This service on my part ended the last of July -- making about two months. In this expedition I volunteered at Augusta, State of Georgia under Colonel Sherwood Buggy [sic, probably Sherwood Bugg, sometimes spelled Sherod Bugg] -- General Houston marched from Augusta the 1st [could be "17"] of June 1778 -- I issued rations -- we marched to Savannah under command of Colonel Buggy where we joined General Houston, thence marched to Ogeechee ferry 15 miles from Savannah -- thence to Midway thence to a certain Fort commanded by Colonel George Watson (afterwards Governor of the State of North Carolina) thence to the American camp at Headquarters at St. Mary's [River] which Houston assumed the command. The North Carolina minute man had previously marched and were encamped when we arrived commanded by Colonel Jack & Colonel Ferrell -- we continued in camp about two weeks and provisions and forage growing scarce the troops were marched back to Midway where I issued rations to those who left the Army having received their pay. The most of the remaining troops went to the Cherokee Hill and were there discharged.

Again, I lived in Henry County Virginia and volunteered under Captain Richard Graham and rendezvoused at John Grimes', 8 miles from Salisbury in December 1779 and marched through Camden to Charleston in South Carolina -- the Regiment being commanded by Colonel Frederick Hambricht. We joined General Lincoln's brigade at Charleston. In the month of March 1780 we were discharged and marched in the night lest the enemy who lay on the opposite side of the Ashley River should discover us leave [sic, leaving] the town. Some short time after we left Charlestown, that town was taken by Cornwallis. Whilst we lay at Charlestown the enemy

fired into General Hogun's camp doing no other damage than killing the horse of Adjutant Lowerman -- and whilst there Hamilton a spy who was taken prisoner -- was tried, found guilty and executed outside of the works -- making 3 months service.

On my return to Salisbury another expedition was about setting out. I took a Lieutenant's place as his Substitute and marched to Leneud's ferry as a volunteer on Santee River at which place I joined the North Carolina militia -- at this ferry General Caswell commanded the Brigade -- finding no lieutenancy vacant at the camp I was directed back to Salisbury to General Rutherford who ordered me to raise a company of horse. In this I failed -- my tour expired in about 3 months after I entered in this service.

In the month of June the 3rd day in the year 1780 I was commissioned as Captain of a volunteer company of militia and North Carolina by Richard Caswell Esquire then Governor of that State which commission with the original pay roll containing the names of the men belonging to my company are now in my possession and served in the revolutionary war until the 14th of September 1780 as Captain of said company, making three months and eleven days service. In this expedition I marched from Salisbury against the Tories that had embodied at Ramshaws [sic, Ramsour's] mill¹ on the South Catawba [River] under their leader Colonel Moore in the then Burke County in North Carolina but is now known by the name of Lincoln County -- we arrived near there on the 22nd of June 1780 and gave them battle the same day and gave them a complete overthrow, in that affair we lost many men amongst the slain on our side were Captain Gilliam Falls [sic, Galbraith Falls], Captain John Sloane, Captain ___ White and Lieutenant Patten besides privates -- The Tory Colonel made his escape but we took a number of his men prisoners who were confined in what was then called the bull pen and were well guarded. Lincoln Court house now stands on the same ground. The Tory prisoners being tried were all liberated except sixteen who were handcuffed with irons by coupling two together and delivered to me to convey them safely to Salisbury prison -- which order I obeyed and took the jailer's receipt -- and when General Rutherford came to town I gave him the receipt -- who appeared much gratified. The General was taken sick in Salisbury and never came to camp anymore. General William Davidson [William Lee Davidson] was appointed to the command and came to our camp on Sugar Creek -- 7 miles South of Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, and continued with us until the 3 months tour was completed and I left him in camp when I left it; I had a discharge from the proper commanding officer Colonel James Brandon and kept it until a few years back and threw it away as wastepaper conceiving that Congress never intended to reward the militia for their services in the Revolutionary War. Thus I have traversed North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia in the service of my country.

I was born on the 23rd day of December 1751 as my parents always informed me. I have no record of my age.

I know of no person living by whom my services can be proved in the revolution.

I am known to John G. Nunn and Thomas Creecy two of my neighbors who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief as to my service as a Soldier and an officer of the revolution.

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 any agency of any State. In addition to my services as before stated I served one month in guarding the prisoners in Albemarle County Virginia of Burgoyne's Army in the year 1781. This service was under command of Colonel William Fountain. I lived in Virginia since the revolutionary war from that State I moved to

¹ June 20, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

Kentucky and from that I moved to this State where I now live.

S/ John Wash, Senr.

Subscribed and sworn to, the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Jamieson, President Judge

[John G. Nunn and Thomas Creacy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$158.65 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 3 months service as a private; 3 months service as a Lieutenant; one month & 19 days service as issuing Commissary & 4 months and 11 days as Captain.]