

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John H. Pond S18165

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State of Virginia Southampton County

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Southampton now sitting John Hawkins Pond a Resident of the said County and State aged seventy-eight 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 State of Virginia at the time Lord Dunmore quitted Williamsburg under the command of Captain Edwin Gray and Lieutenant Benjamin Clements as a volunteer from the County of Southampton, that he served in that tour about six weeks. Was called in the service in the second division, under Captain Elias Herring marched to Norfolk and remained six weeks, marched next under Captain Samuel Kells to Suffolk, thence to Norfolk, was present when the British were driven from that place to their shipping – He next enlisted in a troop of horse commanded by Captain James Gray and Lieutenant Richard Blow, Joined Colonel Josiah Parker in Isle of Wight [County] commanding a troop of Cavalry. Marched next under Captain John Taylor to Petersburg was then under the command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] and Major Decloman [Christian Charles de Klauman], commanding the Regiment he was then. That he was in that tour of duty about three months, was at the Battle of Petersburg [April 25, 1781], was marched from Petersburg through Richmond to Culpeper County where he was discharged – That he was afterwards order to join the Army at York and being on his way there he was ordered to McKay's Mills [Mackey's Mills] to cut and saw[ed] timber with the other troops from Southampton, for the purpose (as he understood) to be used in the Siege at York and that while he was in this employment, Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], he was discharged and returned home to Southampton – As to the different times when he entered the service, the length of the tour of duty, or many of the Officers' names, from the lapse of time and the effects of old age, tis impossible for him to recollect. That he never had a written discharge as it was not customary for the militia in those days to receive them. That he resided in the County of Southampton State of Virginia and always entered the service from that County. That he volunteered first under Captain Edwin Gray and wants under Captain James Gray – and that in all the other tours, he was called out in the Companies or divisions to which he then belonged, that he marched through the Counties of Sussex, Prince George, Dinwiddie, Chesterfield, Henrico and served above Richmond names not remembered, Charles City, James City, York, Surry, Nansemond, Isle of Wight and Norfolk, that he has no documentary evidence, but that there are several persons now living who know that the greater part of the facts as stated in the above declaration are true as will appear by the annexed Certificates – That he is well assured that he served nearly three years in the different tours of duty, during the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 or Territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John H Pond



Virginia Southampton County SS

This day personally appeared before us George G G Gray & Jeremiah Cobb two of the justices of the peace for the County aforesaid Elias Love¹ of the said County and being duly sworn deposed and saith that he was in the engagement at Petersburg with the said John Hawkins Pond, that he was with him at McKay's Mill, that he knew of his being in many tours of duty during the Revolution, that he has heard the declaration of the said John Hawkins Pond read and that he believes it to contain a true statement of his service, that he is satisfied from his recollection that the said John Hawkins Pond, must have served more than two years during the Revolutionary War. Given under our hands and seals this 23rd day of August 1832.

S/ G. G. G. Gray, JP

S/ Jeremiah Cobb, JP

[Simon Murfee, a clergyman, and John Urquhart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The amended declaration of John H Pond to the objections by the war Department to his original declaration. The declarant says as to state the particular year at which he served under the aforesaid persons is in possible but he can say that he served under Captain Edwin Gray in a tour over James River to Williamsburg at the time that Lord Dunmore Ranaway [?], under Captain Herring to Norfolk, under Captain Richard Bailey at Suffolk & in the County of Nansemond, under Captain Samuel Kellow on black water in the County of Isle of Wight – under Captain James Gray at Suffolk & Norfolk, under Captain Parker tour not recollected, under Captain John Taylor at Petersburg & with the Regular officers before mentioned in the original declaration, he always served as a private in the militia service and he is confident he served in different tours during the war nearly or quite three years & the annexed certificates of Elias Love & William Oney will in part prove the service of the applicant. That he was born in Southampton County State of Virginia on the 15th of July 1755 and has a Record of his age now in his possession and has always resided in the place he has [was?] born in the County of Southampton and where he expects to be buried. Sworn to & subscribed before me at [indecipherable word or name] this 12th day of June 1833 as witness my hand & seal

S/ Benjamin Griffin, JP

S/ John H Pond

This 12th of June 1833 Personally appeared before me at [indecipherable name] William Oney² aged 71 years & Elias Love aged 81 years and made oath before me according to law that they were in the service in the Revolutionary war with John H Pond Elias Love with him at Petersburg at McKey's Mills at Norfolk at Jerico near Suffolk William Oney served with him at Williamsburg, at Petersburg, Richmond and Elias love with him at Babbs old field in Nansemond

¹ [Elias Love S18092](#)

² FPA S18147

County but under what particular officers at the above stated places from time & loss of memory is impossible for them to state.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and date above.

S/ Benjamin Griffin

S/ William Oney

S/ Elias Love, X his mark

Statement of John H Pond's service as a private in the Militia service of Virginia during the Revolutionary

Names of officers under whom applicant served & in what year	Place or places where service was performed	How served with and whether in Field or Garrison, & authority called out	not employed in any civil pursuit	Length of the tour [tour]
Captain Edwin Gray & Lieutenant Benjamin Clements	In the city of Williamsburg	With volunteers at the time of Lord Dunmore's escape, called out by public authority & commanded by General Scott	no civil pursuit for the time of service	Six weeks
Captain Elias Herring	In the town of Norfolk & it's vicinity	With militia called into service immediately after the burning of Norfolk the American troops then under the command of Colonel Josiah Parker	no civil pursuit	Six weeks
Captain Samuel Kellow	In Suffolk & the adjacent country & at Norfolk	With the militia of the State	no civil pursuit	Six weeks
Captain James Gray & Lieutenant Richard Blow	The Counties of Isle of Wight & Nansemond guarding the rivers & highways	With a Troop of cavalry commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker	no civil pursuit	Seven or 8 weeks
Captain John Taylor	At Black Order Bridge at Cabin Point James River at Petersburg, Richmond & the country above Richmond	With the militia of the County except at Petersburg there with General Muhlenberg when the place was attacked by the British	no civil pursuit	Three months
Captain Richard Bailey	At Black Water Bridge & in the County of Isle of Wight in flying parties watching the enemy's moves & in Nansemond	With the militia of the Country Colonel Benjamin Blunt command	no civil pursuit	Six weeks
Captain John	At Cabin Point in Surry	With the militia,	no civil	Six

Simons	County at Surry Court house	guarding the Rivers & highways looking out for the enemy the militia called out by public authority	pursuit	weeks
Captain Jesse Whitehead	In the County of Surry on James River & at McKeys Mill in Isle of Wight	With the embodied militia of the Country	no civil pursuit	five weeks

The applicant from lapse of time & infirmity cannot state with particularity anything further as to the tours he served but is positive as to the above, but cannot state the years he was in each tour, he never was in Garrison & when in service always as a militia man he was moving from place to place either in search of the enemy, pursuing them or pursued by them, he was in many tours of duty that he cannot now recollect the particulars of with such precision as to conform with the requisites of the war Department but for the time as above stated he is certain and says that is 13 months & a half.

S/ John H Pond

NB The different tours are not stated in succession as they occurred as to is impossible for the applicant to arrange them in succession.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.11 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months & 25 days in the Virginia service.]