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Pension application of John Sullivan S18235

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State of South Carolina in Edgefield District: On this seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas for Edgefield District, now sitting, John Sullivan at present a resident of Edgefield District, in the State aforesaid, now in the Eighty third year of his age 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 according to his father's family record or register, he was born in the year 1756 in Caroline County State of Virginia, was Baptized and Registered in the Protestant Church of Caroline County. The Applicant emigrated to the State of South Carolina in the year 1774 with his father's family, and settled in the District of Edgefield, where he has resided ever since, and there first enrolled himself in a Company of South Carolina Militia, Commanded by Captain John Carter of Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment. The Applicant was first Sergeant in Captain Carter's Company, and marched as such with said Company, and Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment to Georgia to meet the British and came in view of them at Spirit Creek on the 27th or 28th of January 1779 when a brisk cannonade took place, during which the Americans destroyed the bridge across Spirit Creek on the road leading to Augusta, as also the passes at Henderson's Mills. The Regiment retreated to Augusta, secured the boat and crossed over to the height opposite Augusta and there formed a Camp on the first of February 1779. The next day General Williamson joined them, as also a large proportion of the Militia of the Brigade, said Company commanded by Carter, remained in service with Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment until Ash's defeat [sic, Ashe's defeat or the Battle of Brier Creek], and during the time was engaged in several partisan engagements. From Ashe's defeat they returned to Williamson's Camp opposite Augusta. Remained there and when General Williamson marched to join General Lincoln on Stono Campaign. At that time said Sullivan was ordered with Sergeant's guard, to take charge of twelve Tory Prisoners then at Snow hill under guard, and convey the same to Charleston, which service he performed. Was on his way at the time the Battle of Stono took place. After the battle he went to General Lincoln's Camp, by whom he was ordered to proceed with the prisoners to Charleston, which he done, and delivered them to a guard at that place on the 7th or 8th of July 1779. On the 6th of April 1780 was again called into service and marched under Lieutenant Colonel Purvis of Colonel Hammond's Regiment in Georgia, and stationed at Cupboard Creek a few miles below Augusta on the Savannah River where they remained till 17th May 1780. The Applicant was in service in Captain Carter's Company Colonel Hammond's Regiment and Williamson's Brigade South Carolina from 18th or 20th January 1779 continually to the 7th or 8th July of same year. Applicant was again in service in Georgia a few miles below Augusta from 16th or 17th March 1780 to 17th May 1780.

Applicant was also with Colonel Hammond at the taking of Golphin's [sic, Galphin's], Grayson's [sic, Grierson's] & Brown[s] Forts in Carolina and at Augusta Georgia. Applicant was also in service with said Company, Colonel Hammond's Regiment and Pickens's Brigade on their route through the upper part of South Carolina into North Carolina, and back to South Carolina, by the head of Broad River, Taylor's Plantation now Columbia on the Edgefield district. Applicant does not recollect what date he entered the service on the above Expedition but believes the services were rendered in the spring summer & fall of 1781 and that he served 6 months on said Expedition. Applicant was also in the service as a volunteer under Captain George Hammond on and Expedition against the Cherokee Indians commanded by General Pickens, and that he entered the service about the 28th February 1782 and remained upwards of 4 months on that Expedition and that he lost his horse on said Expedition.

In this declaration the applicant has only stated in detail which he could establish by the testimony of men of respectability which he has been unable to obtain as to the facts of his services of later dates -- that his services previous to January 1779 were considerable though he has not at this time a knowledge of any one living by whom he could prove them. Therefore relying altogether upon testimony which he hopes may be favorably received.

Applicant states that he marched in a company of volunteers commanded by John Hammond Senior of which John Carter was Lieutenant Colonel, A. Williamson Commander against the Cherokee Indians was with him in several battles and remained with him until the end of the expedition, returned with Colonel LeRoy Hammond upon this duty I was four months in service and that the services were rendered in 1776 and that he served about 22 months at the different times stated in this declaration and that he believes he served near 3 years during the war of the revolution but is unable to give the precise dates when all the services were rendered.

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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Belton O Neall, Presiding Judge

S/ John Sullivan

Interrogatories propounded by the court Answers are given in the body of the Declaration to first, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, to 6th he answers he had no written discharges. 7th answered in the testimony

State of South Carolina Edgefield District: The facts in relation to his services are as follows -- I found him in service in Captain John Carter's Company of Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment South Carolina Militia Volunteers, as first Sergeant of said Company. The volunteer Regiment under Colonel LeRoy Hammond was marched to Georgia to meet the British, and came in view of them at Spirit Creek on the 27th or 28th of January in the year 1779 when a brisk Cannonade took place -- during which, that bridge across Spirit Creek on the road leading from thence to Augusta, was by the American troops entirely only, as also the passes over Henderson Mills. The Regiment retreating to Augusta secured the boats and crossed over to South Carolina and joined a Camp on the heights opposite Augusta. The British arrived in Augusta on the first of February 1779. The next day General Andrew Williamson arrived and took command of the troops. A large portion of the militia of the Brigade had also arrived. Captain John Carter's Company still remaining with the Regiment under command of Colonel LeRoy Hammond. Which Regiment was in service until Ashe's defeat. And during the time, was engaged in several partisan engagements. From Ashe's defeat, the returned to General Andrew Williamson's Camp opposite Augusta. Remained and went with General Williamson when he marched to join General Lincoln on Stono Campaign. At that time said Solomon was ordered with Sergeants Guard, to

take charge of twelve Tory Prisoners then at Snow Hill under guard, and conveyed the same to Charleston, which service he performed. Was on his way at the time the Battle of Stono took place. After the battle he went to General Lincoln's Camp, by whom he was ordered to proceed with the prisoners to Charleston, which he done, and delivered them to guard at that place on the 7th or 8th of July 1779. He returned home and for a short time was out of service. On the 6th of April 1780 was again called into service and marched under Lieutenant Colonel John Purvis of Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment into Georgia and stationed at Cupboard Creek [sic, Cupboard Creek] a few miles below Augusta on the Savannah River, where they remained until 17th May 1780. That I knew John Sulivant [sic] to be in service in Captain John Carter's Company of Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment General Andrew Williamson's Brigade South Carolina Militia from 18th or 20th January 1779 continually to this 7th or 8th July 8th exclusive of time of returning home as detailed in his declaration now before me. I also knew him in service in Georgia a few miles below Augusta on the 16th or 17th March 1780 to 17th May 1780. At which period they were discharged from service. From thence I knew nothing of Mr. Sulivant's [sic] services. Having marched myself to North Carolina. And until my return a short time before the Siege of Augusta. When I found him again in Captain John Carter's Company as before. That he continued in service under my command until the surrender of Brown's Fort in Augusta. After General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] raised the siege of Ninety Six and retreated, Carter with Colonel Hammond's Regiment under command of General Pickens, marched again, passing the head of Broad River into South Carolina and joined General Greene at Taylor's Plantation now Columbia and from thence, returned to Edgefield District and was there discharged from service.

S/ S. Hammond [Samuel Hammond]¹

Sworn to before me the 17th of October 1838

S/ A. B. Addison, QU

I have been more in detail in this case than usual on such occasions because though Mr. Sullivan remembered correctly all the Services & Battles that he was engaged in still he did not recollect the dates or the order in which they occurred & I had to refer to my Journals & other papers to establish them for him.

Respectfully

S/ S. Hammond

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