

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Young S1888

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State of Tennessee, McMinn County

On this 2 day of November personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Circuit Court of said County, Samuel Young, a resident of the said County and State, aged about 76 or 77 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the service in the Militia of the State of North Carolina, in Guilford County, where he was drafted, in the month of August as he thinks, but in what year he cannot now recollect, under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Colonel James Martin, Lieutenant Colonel Pacely [sic, John Paisley]-- Captain Samuel Sharp -- Lieutenant not recollected. The Regiment to which declarant was attached was raised for the purpose of marching into the Cherokee Country. Declarant's Regiment under the command of Colonel Martin was rendezvoused at Guilford Court house, from which place it marched in the direction of Salisbury, crossed the Yadkin [River] and passed through Salisbury, -- Crossed the mountains at a place called Swannanoa Gap, thence down the Country crossed the French Broad [River] above the mouth of Savannah [River] -- thence to Tennessee River which was crossed high up, at an Indian town called Watauga as well as declarant recollects. The Indian towns in the neighborhood of our line of march were burnt -- their corn cut down &c. From Tennessee River we were marched back to North Carolina, where we were disbanded.¹ Declarant was drafted for and served a term of three months in the above tour, for which he never received any written discharge. -- Declarant was again drafted, and entered the service, and the militia of North Carolina, same County as above, in the month of August 1781, for the term of three months in Col. James Martin's Regiment, under Major John Gillespie, Captain A. Phillips [Abraham Phillips], Lieutenant Robert Small. Our Regiment was marched to Wilmington in North Carolina together with other troops -- for the purpose of keeping the British in check, who after the battle of Guilford had gone to Wilmington. We were stationed in the neighborhood of Wilmington some time, until news came that Washington had taken Cornwallis. The British then at Wilmington took shipping and we were shortly after discharged our term of service having expired. For the last stated tour of service declarant received a written discharge, (which he here exhibits) signed by Major John Gillespie. Declarant knows of no one by whom he can prove the services he performed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present

¹ Cherokee Expedition, August-November 1776

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the second day of November 1832 in open Court.

S Samuel Young

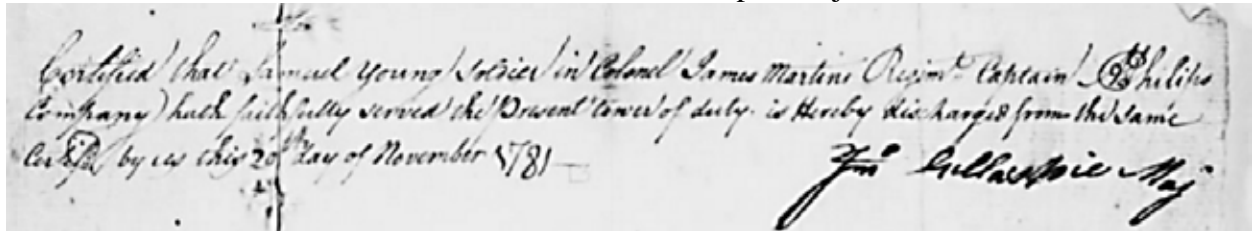
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Young".

[Abraham Glover, a clergyman, and George W. Mayo gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

“Certified that Samuel Young (Soldier) and Col. James Martin's Regiment Captain Philips Company hath faithfully served the present tour [tour] of duty is Hereby discharged from the same.

Certified by us this 20th day of November 1781.

S/ Jno Gillespie, Maj.”

A scanned image of a handwritten certificate of discharge. The text reads: "Certified that Samuel Young (Soldier) in Colonel James Martin's Regiment Captain Philips Company hath faithfully served the present tour of duty is hereby discharged from the same by us this 20th day of November 1781." The signature "Jno Gillespie Maj." is written at the bottom right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]