

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hamby S1909

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State of Tennessee Blount County: SS: On this 26 day of November 1832

Personally appeared at his own house before me William Dever one of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County and State William Hamby a resident of said County and State in the said County of Blount and State of Tennessee (who is entirely unable to attend court by reason of his old age and bodily infirmity) Aged Eighty-eight years the 4th of last January 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 United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was born on the 4th day of January 1744 in the State of Maryland Baltimore County.

He has no record of his age. He resided in Roann [Rowan] County North Carolina at which place he was drafted for a three months tour against the Cherokee Indians under Captain James Morrison in Colonel Baitmans [sic, Bateman's?] Regiment of Militia we rendezvoused at Catheys Fort on the head of Catawby [Catawba] River in the said County of Rowan sometime in July 1776 we marched into the Indian nation at Scott's Creek and marched and marched clear through the nation till we came to the Valley towns on the Highwassee [Hiwassee] River the Indians fled before us we had no battle our men took some prisoners when out on scouting parties we marched from the Valley towns to the Cowee towns and then to the head of the Catawba River at said Catheys Fort we were there honorably but verbally discharged sometime in October 1776. He served at this time three months. He then removed into Burk [Burke] County North Carolina while residing at said place he was drafted for a 3 months tour against the Cherokee Indians we rendezvoused at Wafords Fort [Wofford's Fort] on the North fork of the Catawba River sometime in the latter part of September or the beginning of October 1780 ~~we lay there till our time was out and scouted through~~ under Captain Morrison and Colonel Bateman's Regiment of Militia we lay there till our time was out and scouted through the country after the Indians we had no battle he was in one skirmish with the Indians on the waters of Cany River we

were discharged at the said Wofford's Fort sometime in the latter part of December 1780 or the beginning of January 1781 we got no written discharges he served at this time three months he served in the whole six months.

He has lived since the revolutionary war in the following places to wit in Birk County then removed to becomb County [Buncombe County] North Carolina continued their fourteen Years then removed to Blount County State of Tennessee.

He never did volunteer nor he never was substitute.

He was not acquainted with the regular officers or with any Continental or militia regiments or the general circumstances of his service further than is above stated.

He never did receive a written discharge from the service nor a commission. He is known in his present neighborhood to Joseph Camel, Jacob Tipton, Samuel Cable, Isaac Hart Michael Jones all of whom he believes can testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier of the revolution. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. There is no clergyman lives in his neighborhood nor none that he can procure who can testify to the report of his service. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid before me.

S/ William Dever, JP

S/ William Hamby, X his mark

[William Mackey and Reuben Dever gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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