

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rollings James S2018

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State of Tennessee, Campbell County: September Term 1832

On this the 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session of said County now sitting Rollings James a Resident of said County of Campbell and State aforesaid aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his corporal oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the State troops of South Carolina in the year 1780 with Captain John McKinsey [sic, John McKenzie] and was afterwards transferred to Captain William McKinsays [William McKenzie's] Company and served in the __ Regiment of the State the number of which is not now remembered, under the following named officers Viz. Colonel William Hill of South Carolina commanded the Regiment -- Major Bluford [William Buford] was first Major, the name of the 2nd Major is not now remembered. He left the service in the month of March 1780. He enlisted for ten months but was not discharged for some time after his term of service expired. That he was never in any general engagement. The service assigned to him to perform was to wait upon the sick in the hospital and as hostler to Edward Hunter the General pay master. At the time of his enlistment he lived in Burke County in the State of North Carolina was mustered into service upon the Congaree River from there we were marched to Orangeburg where we were stationed for a while, from there to the four hoes [sic, Four Holes] bridge where we were stationed the balance of the winter, in the spring we were marched back to Congaree River, where some of the troops were discharged & he was not discharged until he was marched back to Congaree River the place above referred to -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ William Carey, Clerk

S/ Rollings James, X his mark

[James Hickey, Senior, a clergyman, and Amos Richardson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Amos Richardson¹ do further certify that I know of my own knowledge of the above named

¹ [Amos Richardson S31932](#)

applicant having served as a soldier in the revolutionary war but for what length of time I cannot state as of my own knowledge. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

Test: S/ William Carey, Clerk

S/ Amos Richardson, X his mark

Interrogatory 1st by the court, Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in the State of Maryland and Agreeable to the best information on that subject I was born in the year 1762.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Burke County in the State of North Carolina. After the war I moved to Patrick County now Pittsylvania County Virginia from there to Tennessee and am now a citizen of this County.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I enlisted in the State troops of South Carolina for ten months and served out that time

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: Colonel William Hill commanded the Regiment in which I served. General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] -- commanded -- William Bluford was 1st Major -- Colonel Wade Hampton as well as I now recollect also commanded a Regiment under General Sumter's command.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received a regular discharge for the time of my enlistment but it is worn out and lost

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Thomas Maas, Esquire, Abraham Hayter Esquire, Francis Starr, William Walker and my neighbors generally

[p 19: On September 4, 1837 in Knox County Tennessee, the veteran applied for a new pension certificate stating that "one night some person unknown broke into his house and took away his original Certificate of Pension." He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for services as a private for 10 months in the South Carolina militia.]