

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Cannon S2114

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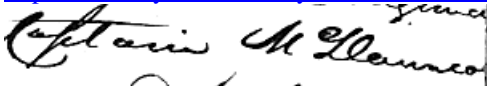
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State of Tennessee Washington County: First Circuit

Be it remembered that on this 14th day of March 1836 personally appeared before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of the first Circuit now sitting as a Court of Law etc. for said County William Cannon aged eighty-four years (having no fixed residence is part of his time with his children & has been part in Washington County) & who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit at the time & long before he was residing in South Carolina, being principally raised there and at the time that the British were in possession of Georgia & about to attack Charleston South Carolina in obedience to the orders of Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge] a call was made for men & among others this deponent was drafted to perform a tour of duty and was commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] under whom the militia were put that he was with Lincoln at the engagement & capitulation of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]¹ and after the surrender Deponent was taken prisoner by the British and was put on board of a prison ship, with many others and there was kept imprisoned for near three months when he & four others in the night at the risk of life when the guard were below, entered the boat & made to shore being in the harbor of Charleston & succeeded in getting to General Marion [Francis Marion] who was encamped at Wockamaugh [Waccamaw]. The time of entering the service was 1779 he thinks early in the spring & from his best recollection entered for nine months, however he was one of the troops raised under Governor Rutledge's order, when the state of South Carolina was about to be invaded & he served under Lincoln until his defeat & was prisoner for three months when he made his escape & fell in with Marion who was up the country engaged with the Tories. That in the ensuing year he was drafted to go against the British went on march across towards Virginia and was put under Captain McDaunco [McDaniel?]² of General Marion's command & served under Marion was under him at Cheraw Hills & in various excursions against the Tories served that time four months. He states furthermore that he served two years in the revolution but his first tours he can't recollect so as to set them forth, the last tour he was wounded & had his leg broken at the

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

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surprise of Walbough [?]³ South Carolina. He states that he can only sit forth specifically thirteen months, but his memory is now so gone & his infirmities great that he cannot give the first services with precision so as to swear to them, the two in which he was so signally distinguished by suffering has made an impression which death only can efface, that at Charleston under General Lincoln, & when he was imprisoned, & that [at] Santee under Marion when he was wounded, & had his leg broken. That he has now no documentary evidence having lost his discharge which he received from Marion & not having been discharged by Lincoln was on account of his being taken prisoner.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the roll of any agency of any State that he knows of no one by whom he can establish his services & the reason of his delay in making application is that he is entirely blind & unable to get out of the house except as he is led that ___ all persons known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish his reputation for services: there being no Minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the same that he was born in the State of New York in the month of January 1752 according to the record of his age in a Bible which he is unable to read, but is so informed by those who can that he resided in South Carolina to the close of the Revolution, & then removed to Tennessee where he has ever since resided.
Sworn & subscribed this 14th day of March 1836.

S/ William Cannon, X his mark

[William P Chester & E. L. Mathis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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

³ Possibly a reference to the engagement at Wambaw Bridge, February 24, 1782.
https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wambaw_bridge.html