

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Hensley S21278

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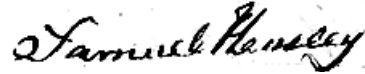
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State of Tennessee Sullivan County

On this 20th day of August 1834 before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for said County personally appeared Samuel Hensly [sic] – a resident Citizen of the County of Washington State of Virginia but who, on account of having formerly resided in the County of Sullivan & State of Tennessee, where reputation of his Revolutionary services can be proved, makes this his application for a pension, and being desirous of availing himself of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 made & subscribed the following declaration on oath, to wit, that he was born in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia in the year 1755 according to the traditionary account of his age though he has no record thereof, that he is now aged seventy-nine years and entered the service of the Country in the Revolutionary War under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, to wit, having removed in 1773 to the frontier settlements of Virginia, where he now resides, and having served against the Shawnee Indians in 1774 for which he [is] entitled to no pension, he in the month of July 1776 he volunteered to perform a tour of duty as a militia man under Captain Shelby, against the Cherokee Indians, rendezvoused at Shelby's Fort in [on] Bever [Beaver] Creek, and marched to the Sycamore Shoals in Watauga, & there joined Colonel Robisons men & in conjunction marched down to Nolichucky & Ranged & Scouted the Country & killed some Indians & was kept ranging until the expiration of his time, and was verbally discharged being four months in service & again under the same officers volunteered & was kept marching from Fort to Fort & through the Country then inhabited by the Cherokees until the term of [paper damaged and text missing] had expired being for four months, & his officers being unwilling to let him return home, he volunteered & continued to serve as a volunteer militia man part of the time under Captain Evin Shelby [Evan Shelby] & Captain Isaac Bledsoe & in the several tours before mentioned was in active regular duty twelve months under the three calls, & with the said officers, though he might safely say that to thirds of his whole time was spent in defending the Country against the incursions of the Indians, though not in regular tours. That he claims a pension for the aforesaid twelve months, that he has no documentary or other evidence by which to establish his servitude except that of Elk Dulany & William King by whom he can establish his reputation of having served, as also his being in the Country during the time of the troubles, that there is no minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the regulations of the War Department. That he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 20th of August 1834

S/ Samuel Hensley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Hensley". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

George W. Netherland, Clerk

[Elkenny R. Dulaney & William King gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]