

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Richard Lock S21351

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State of South Carolina }

Greenville District } On this the 17th day of July in the year of our Lord 1834, personally appeared in open court, before the Judge of the court of common pleas and general sessions, now sitting, Richard Lock a resident of Greenville District and State of South Carolina aged seventy three 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He lived in the State of Virginia Lunenburgh [sic: Lunenburg] County when he entered the service. He was first drafted for three months, in the month of August 1778 under the command of Captain Anthony Street and Lieutenant Sterling Cooper. He was marched to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] and there remained, untill orders were received that the troops would not be wanted. He was then discharged by Captain Anthony Street and paid for his services. He served this tour at least six weeks as a private in the company above stated. This tour was performed before he was 16 years old. His name was first put on the muster roll with his consent, and with the understanding that he would not be called upon before he was 16 years old. But in a very short time after he was enrolled, there was a draft, and his name was drawn.

The second tour he was again drafted for three months, under the command of Captain Francis Degraffenreid and Lt. Richard Johnson. He commenced this tour on the 26th day of December 1779, and rendezvoused at Lunenburgh CHouse. Thence the troops were marched to Petersburg, where this applicant and one other of Captain Degraffenreids company were put to driving waggons. He remained there some time hawling provisions and forrage for the troops. Thence he was sent to Smithfield and there continued in the waggon service under the command of Col George Elliott, untill he was discharged on the 23rd day of April 1780 at Petersburg. He served this tour three months and twenty seven days. Being very particularly engaged in hawling provisions he was not permitted to return home at the end of his three months service, but was detained twenty seven days, after the troops with which he was drafted were discharged. The company to which he belonged was marched to Norfolk, and there remained untill discharged.

He again entered the service in the Fall of 1780 after the defeat of General Gates in South Carolina [Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. He was drafted for three months under the command of Sylvanus Walker as Captain. Said troops were marched to Hillsborough North Carolina, thence to Guilford CHouse & thence to the New Garden [W of present Greensboro] & joined the regiment of Col Falkner [sic: Ralph Faulkner]. He was stationed a while at Hillsborough and the remainder at New Garden where he was discharged by Captain Walker in conformity with the orders of Col Falkner. He served this tour not less than two months.

He again entered the service some time before the surrender of Cornwallis in the Fall of 1781. He was drafted for three months under the command of Captain Robinson & Col David Stokes. The troops were marched to York Town. On their way Captain Robinson & Col Stokes were taken sick, and this applicant with the other troops fell under the command of Captain Thomas James and Col Lewis Burwell. The troops arrived at York Town & there joined the American army under the command of Washington two or three weeks before the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. After the surrender the troops to which he belonged remained there some time, and were then sent as a guard with the refugees to Richmond. At Richmond he was discharged by Captain Jones and returned to Lunenburgh. He served this tour three months as above stated.

In all this applicant served four tours, and Ten months and one week as a private in the army of the revolution, as above stated, and claims a pension for such services. He was in no battle except the Siege of York Town and was with no continental regiments at any other place.

He has no documentary evidence as to his services. The affidavit of William Stokes Sen and Nathaniel Dacus is herewith sent, who testify that they know of his services during the revolution.

This applicant was born in the state of Virginia, Lancaster County on the 11th day of January 1762. He has a record of his age at home in his family Bible. He was living in Lunenburgh County Virginia when called into service, and continued to live there till twenty eight years since when he moved to South Carolina, where he now lives. He was drafted every time he was called into service. He does not recollect the names of any continental regiments. He was discharged as stated above, but his discharges have been long since lost. He is known in his present neighborhood to James McDaniels & William Stokes - who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any state

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid Richard hisXmark Locke