

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Cogburn S21711

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State of South Carolina Union District: to it

On this 6th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of common pleas and general Sessions now sitting for said district Henry Cogburn a resident of the District and State aforesaid, aged Eighty-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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born on the 25 November in the year 1749 in the State of Virginia in the neighborhood of General Washington: that he knows of no record of his birth – and states his age only from his recollection of the declarations of his mother. That he was living at the time he entered the service in Caswell County in the State of North Carolina and soon after the fall of Cornwallis and the peace about the year 1784 he removed to the state and District aforesaid where he has resided ever since & where he now lives.

That he was drafted and entered the militia of North Carolina about the year 1776 in the brigade of General Parsons, the Colonel of the Regiment he does not recollect, but he was in the company of Captain Falkner. That he proceeded with his company to join the forces which were then employed against the Indians on a tour of duty for three months – but other troops in advance of the detachment to which he belonged quelled the Indians before he reached the scene of action – his party was turned back from the Brushy Mountains & he was finally discharged at Hillsboro in North Carolina before his term of three months service had expired. That soon afterwards he entered the service again in the North Carolina militia as a volunteer under Captain Andrew Vernoy [?] on another tour of three months duty & proceeded through Saulsbury [sic, Salisbury] & Camden, and into the lower part of South Carolina, whence they returned to a mill near Camden where they were stationed for some time & where he obtained a furlough to return home about a week before his term of service expired. That he was again called out in the North Carolina Militia under General Armstrong in Colonel Moore's Regiment, and Captain Moore's company on another tour of duty for three months in an expedition against the Tories on the Yadkin [River] and afterwards proceeded to Salisbury where he assisted in building a Fort – from which place he was marched to Hillsboro in North Carolina and discharged at the expiration of his term of service. During this term of service the battle of Kings Mountain was fought – his recollection does not enable him to fix the date more particularly. Soon after this he was again

called out by lot number as it was called, in the North Carolina militia under Captain Falkner and returned to Hillsboro to protect the town where he performed another tour of duty for three months.

From these several tours of service he was discharged without any written discharge.

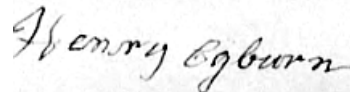
For the truth of the above declaration and the proof of his character as a man of veracity he refers to James Guthrey who knew him in North Carolina, and to the Reverend John Jennings who has known him long & well.

This applicant does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jno. B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ Henry Cogburn



[John Jennings, a clergyman, and James Guthrey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina The union District: Personally came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Quorum for the District and State aforesaid Henry Cogburn who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades of a private soldier – During the first tour of duty mentioned in his declaration he served one month and 14 days during his second tour therein mentioned he served two months and 20 days – on the third and fourth occasions upon which he was called into the service as stated in his declaration he served as therein stated before period of six months – making the whole the time of 10 months and four days – This duty was all performed during the revolutionary war in the service of the United States. The particular periods of the war and precise dates of his service however the Deponent for the reasons above stated is unable to specify with greater accuracy than he has already done in his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th May 1833

S/ B. M. Pearson, QU

S/ Henry Cogburn

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months & four days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]