

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Gage S2229

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State of Tennessee, McNairy County

On this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in Open Court before the Circuit Court of McNairy County now sitting Aaron Gage a resident of McNairy County in the State of Tennessee aged Seventy-four 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 was born in the State of New Jersey on the 15th day of June in the year of our Lord 1758 when very young his Father moved from the State of New Jersey, and settled in Rutherford County State of North Carolina, here he continued to reside until he entered the Service of his Country. That the first of the month of November 1780 he left his father's house and went to Augusty [Augusta] in the State of Georgia at which place he reached very early in the month of November as well as he now recollects, here he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer Soldier in a Troop of Horse, which was then called Dragoons under Captain Thomas Harvey and was attached to Colonel Samuel Harmons [sic, Samuel Hammond's¹] Regiment, he volunteered for the Term of 10 months, at Augusta and near that place we remained for some considerable length of time, say until about the first of May 1781 we received Orders to join General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army at or near Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina, accordingly we took up our line of march, and joined General Greene not far from Ninety Six. Our Regiment was then placed under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], and the whole Army commenced the Siege of it, but we failed, we then encamped not far from Ninety Six and my Captain Thomas Harvey went out on a scouting party and was killed², I was then placed under the Command of Richard Johnson Captain, we then took up our line of march and went to the high hills of Santee, here we remained for a short time, then understanding that the British had encamped at the Eutaw Springs we marched to that place, which we reached in September 1781 where we had a Severe Battle [September 8, 1781] with the British which Engagement I was in, the next morning after the Battle all of the Dragoons was Ordered to march to a place called Moncks Corner and route the British from there, but before we reached there we heard they had left there for Charleston so we marched back to the Eutaw Springs where I remained a very short time and was discharged having served my Tour of ten months out, the length of time I volunteered for, the day of the month I entered the service, I do not now recollect, nor do I recollect the day of the month I was discharged, but know that I served the full term of ten months the time I volunteered for, I

¹ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

² Harvey was killed on Rogiard's Plantation near Edgefield

received a discharge from Colonel Harmon [Hammond] and had it for a number of years after the War but it is now lost or destroyed, he has no Documentary Evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can Testify to his service, he can prove by Isaac Reed a clergyman who has been acquainted with me for a good many years, and also by William S. Wisdom that they believe me to be 74 years old and that I am reputed and believed in my neighborhood who and to have been 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 of the Agency of any State, he also states that Directly after the Revolutionary War he moved to the State of Kentucky where he lived 3 or 4 years, from Kentucky he moved to Bedford County State of Tennessee where he lived 2 years then moved to Lincoln County Tennessee where he lived for a number of years, then he moved to Perry County Tennessee where he lived several years from there he moved to McNairy County where he now resides. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Aaron Gage

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Aaron Gage". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

S/ Maclin Cross, Clerk

[Isaac Reed a clergyman and William S. Wisdom gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On February 18, 1840, Gage applied for a transfer of his pension benefits to Lincoln County Tennessee. In this application he refers to the commander of his Regiment as "Colonel Samuel Hammons"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the South Carolina militia.]