

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Obadiah Hammonds (Hammond) S2263

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On this 22nd day of September 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before Joseph Eve Judge of the 15th Judicial district including the County of Knox, Obadiah Hammonds a resident of Richland Creek in the County of Knox and State of Kentucky aged 77 on the 5th of December next 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 the 7th 1832.

That he was drafted in the militia of the United States for a tour of three months in Roan County [Rowan County] North Carolina on the 18th of March 1776 (I am able to fix upon the precise day by aid of the papers here enclosed Mark (A) found by Mr. Ballinger in hunting my for my discharge) under Richmond Pierson [Richmond Pearson] Captain but was transferred to the company of Richard Dowel [Richard Dowell] Captain of light horse during this Tour I was chiefly engaged with my company in disarming all suspected persons and preserving order in the state of North Carolina, we were constantly going and during the time I was in Salisbury – at the mouth of Rocky River, Macklenburg [Mecklenburg County NC] – and various other places which from loss of memory and old age I cannot remember – I was discharged in Roan County near Salisbury and received a written discharge from my Captain Dowel for this service – I was in no battle or even skirmish in this tour.

I was drafted under Captain Gibson Wooldridge for three months – Davidson [William Lee Davidson] was our General – I am not able to fix upon the precise date of this Tour but know that the two papers here enclosed marked B & C (and also found by Mr. Ballinger in searching my old papers for my discharges) were given to me during this three months Tour – I also know that we received the news of the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] during this Tour. I received a written discharge for this service from my Captain Gibson Wooldridge at the old trading ford 7 miles from Salisbury. At the close of this last mentioned Tour I volunteered under my late Captain Wooldridge for three months the object of this Tour was to fight the Tories who we understood had assembled in numbers of above the Shallow Ford of the Adkin River [Yadkin River]. We marched for that place from Roan County but before we got there we received the news that the Tories had been whipped [Battle of Shallow Ford, October 14, 1780] – we were then dismissed and went home – we were afterwards called out to complete this tour by my said Captain (Wooldridge) and marched below Salisbury – but from the loss of

memory I cannot undertake a description of this service, I received another written discharge for this service in the County of Roan.

In a very short time after the close of this service – there were orders that two men out of every company should be balloted for nine months – they were chosen from the companies by the vote of the company. I and Charles Hunter were balloted as they called it from our company – Richmond Pierson was our Captain but shortly afterwards we were transferred to Captain Holston's Company – Our object was to keep down and disarm the Tories in the State of North Carolina, but as I have stated about other tours from the loss of memory I cannot tell the route we took – indeed at the close of the tour I could not have told all the places I had been at – we were almost constantly engaged in traveling to and fro, I followed my Captain – and paid but little attention to the number of places we were at – I can not tell when I entered for this Tour – but I know I was engaged at it, when my former General Davidson was killed at Beatties Ford [sic, Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781] on the Catawba [River] – I know also it closed and I was discharged a few days before Cornwallis was taken by Washington [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] – I received a written discharge for this service from Captain Holston – I thought my discharges were with my old papers – and being advised by Mr. Ballinger that my discharges were the best evidence in support of my Claim to a Pension, I got him to go to my house to hunt them up – but after a diligent search of several hours he found the papers above referred to and herewith enclosed – but could find no discharge. He had some years before in hunting for a [indecipherable word] at my house found and read one of these discharges.

There is no living witness of any of my services except my Brother Peter whose affidavit is below and whose attendance I have procured by sending for him to the County of Perry a distance of 60 or 70 miles – and Henry Haret [?] also of Perry County who still lives at a greater distance from here than my Brother.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare my name is not on the pension roll of any State or agency

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Obadiah Hammonds



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Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for Knox County Obadiah Hammonds who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively and give a full history of the various incidents of his several Tours of duty but he feels confident that he served three Tours of three months each and one of 9 months as a private in the manner stated in the foregoing declaration as well as he can remember.¹

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Quere 1st I was born in Prince William County Virginia on the 5th of December 1756

2nd I have a record of my age found by Mr. Ballinger among my old papers and herewith enclosed marked (D)

3rd I was living in Roan County North Carolina – I moved from thence to Clinch River in Tennessee – thence to Knox County where I have lived for the last 38 years.

4th. I was twice called into service as a draftsman for 3 months each – once as a volunteer for 3 months and lastly as a balloted man as it was called for 9 months

5th. I knew General Washington when a boy but never saw him during the war – I do not remember the names of any Continental officers or regiments with whom I served – indeed I am not sure I ever served with any.

6th. I had 4 written discharges from the service one from Dowel, 2 from Wooldridge – and one from Holston they have been burnt I expect as useless papers, or otherwise lost or mislaid so that I cannot find them.

7th. I am known in my neighborhood to Job Broughton² who was as I am informed and believe a revolutionary soldier (Colonel Benjamin Tuggle not of my immediate neighborhood) Ambrose Y Anderson Esquire, Joseph Payne and many others who I doubt not would testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

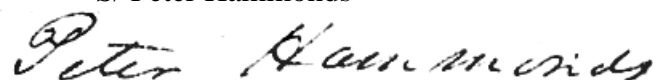
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I Peter Hammonds³ of the County of Perry and State of Kentucky aged 74 years in November next do hereby certify that I am the Brother of the above applicant Obadiah Hammonds and have been well acquainted with him from our infancy up –

I served two tours with my Brother of 3 months each one as a drafts man under Gibson Wooldridge Captain and – Davidson General – the other was under Captain Wooldridge as a volunteer – while serving as a draftsman we received news of the victory at Kings Mountain, while serving as a volunteer we marched as my Brother has stated and for the purpose as stated – I saw my Brother Obadiah in the service under Captain Richard Dowel but cannot tell the length of this service. I know that my Brother went out for a nine months tour, after we served together under Davidson & Wooldridge and that he was gone from home nine months or thereabouts but I did not see him in this service after he marched – nor can I say from my own knowledge that he served all the time he was absent from home – though he has always told me he did. I certainly believe that he did perform this tour of 9 months and the one of 3 months under Dowel besides the two I served with him.

Subscribed and sworn to in open court the day and date above written

S/ Peter Hammonds



[Alexander Stewart and Ambrose Y Anderson gave this standard supporting affidavit.]

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

² [Job Broughton W8395](#)

³ [Peter Hammonds S30461](#)

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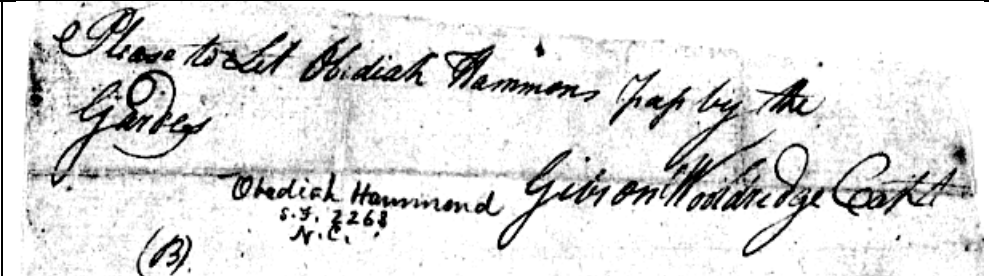
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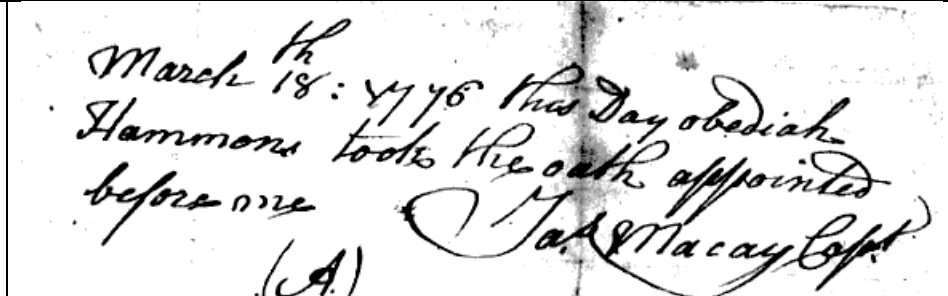
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March 18 th 1776 this Day obediah Hammons took the oath appointed before me Jas Macay Capt. (A)	 <p><i>March 18: 1776 this Day obediah Hammons took the oath appointed before me Jas Macay Capt.</i> (A)</p>
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[p 21: Veteran was still alive as of March 8th 1848 and living in Knox County Kentucky, when he filed a petition seeking a replacement for his pension certificate which he says he left with George M. Adams in Barbourville Kentucky and that Adams has lost or misplaced the certificate.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina Infantry and 3 months service as a private in the North Carolina Cavalry, both in the militia service.]