

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George House S2622

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State of Tennessee Green County: September Term 1832

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James Powell Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for Green County now sitting George House a resident of Green County state of Tennessee aged 69 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit, that being a resident citizen of Frederick County Virginia in and previous to the year 1781 he was drafted to perform a Tour of duty in the militia of said County under Captain Bell [George Bell] & Lieutenant Eastin [Johnston Eastin]<sup>1</sup>, for a three months tour, and rendezvoused at Winchester Virginia, and from thence marched to the new magazine above Williamsburg, from thence went to the siege of Little York, and there joined the main Army under General Washington was present at the entrenchments which were made, and continued until after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] & was discharged his term of time having expired, by Lieutenant Eastin his Captain being sick at the time in the Hospital, which discharge he has casually lost.

Again, he substituted in the place of a Mr. Mahlon Pugh of Captain Summerly's [?] Company of the militia of Frederick County to guard the British who were taken to Winchester for safekeeping, one half of which had been taken to Albemarle Barracks and the residue to Barracks four miles from Winchester, where he remained in said service as a guard for the space of three months and was discharged by his said Captain Summerly by verbal Release owing to a relief being sent on at the expiration of his time, when he returned home, which substitution was in the spring of 1782.

Again in the ensuing summer he volunteered in the same County under Captain Brinker [perhaps Henry Brinker] of Winchester to go against the Shawnee Indians who were in league with the British and were making incursions upon the Monongahela and marched from Winchester up the South branch of the Potomac [River] via Colonel Neville's through the Wilderness to Tygars Valley [Tygart's Valley], this declarant acting as a spy on said route, after arriving at Colonel Wilson's Fort in the Valley the men were divided & Captain Brinker kept part at Wilson's Fort & gave to declarant the residue to go to John Warrick's Fort twenty-five miles

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distance at the head of the Valley – the men having appointed this declarant to take charge of them & said Fort where we continued six months and until the Indians retreated & ceased there hostilities & then returned home which said three several tours of service was twelve months in the whole, for the last two this declarant never had a discharge, & for the first has lost it & has no written or documentary evidence – and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, nor is a resident minister of the Gospel in his the sanity by whom to establish the facts contained in the instructions of the War Department. 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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832

S/ V. Sevier, Clerk

S/ Geo. House

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Geo. House". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Geo. House".

[Thomas Temple & Peter Harmon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 12 months.]