

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Box S3015

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State of Tennessee Jefferson County

On this twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me Randolph Sasseen [?] -- an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Jefferson and State aforesaid Samuel Box a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-eight 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, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

In the year 1776, the day and month not recollected, he was drafted in Orange District South Carolina and enrolled in Captain Sanders Company -- and was commanded by Colonel Moultrie [William Moultrie], was marched to Charleston thence to Sullivan's Island, where he was kept employed in repairing a Fort until his term of service, three months expired, and was discharged.

And afterwards to wit in the same year to wit 1776 and as well as declarant recollects, it was about the first day of May -- He volunteered and entered the Service and was enrolled in a Company, (the Captain's name if there was one not now recollected) and was commanded by Colonels Moultrie & Marion, rendezvoused at Charleston South Carolina, and was then marched to Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island, and was at that place when the British attempted to land, and was in an engagement with the British, and continued in Service for of his time at Fort Moultrie & part in Charleston, until the month of September in the same year, when he was honorably discharged having served four months.

And afterwards to wit, the day and month not recollected but thinks it was in the year 1779, he was again drafted and enrolled in Captain Moultrie's Company and was commanded by General Lincoln, and was marched to Moncks Corner, where he was stationed three months and discharged.

And afterwards to wit in the year 1779, the day & month not recollected he was again drafted and marched to Bacon's bridge, on a Creek called the four holes and enrolled in a company commanded by Captain Linder [?] (no other Officer of higher grade) where he was engaged in a battle with the Tories, Several killed & wounded on both sides, thence he was marched to Charleston where he remained the residue of the time three months and was discharged.

And afterwards to wit in the year 1780 and in the spring season of the same year he was again drafted and enrolled in Captain Elliott's Company and was then marched from Orange District South Carolina to Charleston, where he was placed under the command of Colonel Lincoln, and was at that place, in a battle with the British -- when Charleston was taken, and was also taken a Prisoner himself by the British, and kept in confinement twenty-two days, and was discharged having been in service two months, and on confinement as a prisoner 22 days.

And afterwards to wit in the year 1781, the day and month not recollected he was again drafted and entered into the Service, enrolled in Captain Elliott's Company and was commanded by Colonel Lincoln and Maitland, and was marched and rendezvoused at Fort Stono or Stono Ferry, where he was in an engagement with the British and Tories, and after a severe fight was compelled to retreat, having remained in service three months he was discharged.

And afterwards to wit the day and month & year not recollected he was again drafted and enrolled in Captain Elliott's company -- and was commanded by General Marion and was marched near to Camden South Carolina thence to Pedee River and was in several skirmishes with the British and Tories, who then marched to the Neck on Pedee and was discharged having been in service three months; This Declarant States that he has no Documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service that he did receive several Original discharges and not being in a situation to take care of them, they have been mislaid or lost. This Declarant further States that he has a wife & six helpless children the oldest of which is thirteen years old; Dependent on him for their Support, and that he is far advanced in life, worn out and unable to make a living by manual labor -- that his estate (having no title to any real state) is not worth more than \$30 including his household furniture. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Justice of the Peace to the applicant and the questions and answers embodied in the Declaration

First when & in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Orange district South Carolina in the year 1745 where I lived at the time I went into the Service of my Country.

Second Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer I have no record of my age.

Third Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer When I was called into Service I lived in Orange District South Carolina, and shortly after the Revolutionary war I moved into North Carolina and from thence to Jefferson County, Tennessee where I now live.

Fourth How were you called into service, were you drafted did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute and if these Substitute for whom.

Answer I was drafted and also a volunteer

Fifth 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.

Answer The names of the Officers in my first Campaign was Captain Sanders and Colonel Moultrie My second when I was a volunteer Colonel Moultrie & Marion. My third was Captain Moultrie and General Lincoln. My fourth was Captain Linder no other Officers of higher grade. My fifth Captain Elliott and Colonel Lincoln afterwards promoted to General. My sixth Captain

Elliott and General Marion. The regiments he does not recollect.

Sixth Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it

Answer I did receive several discharges which were signed by Colonel Lincoln Colonel Moultrie & Colonel Marion which were mislaid or lost supposing they never would be of any importance to me, there was not that care taken of them that should have been

Seventh State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior & your Services as a Soldier in the Revolution

Answer. As to my character for veracity and good behavior Absalom Roach & Daniel R. Murphey, William Northern, as to my Revolutionary Services I know of no person unless it is Absalom Roach who can testify to my actual service.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written.

S/ Samuel Box, X his mark

S/ Randolph Sasseen, JP

[Daniel R. Murphey and William Northern gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Jefferson County

I Absalom Roach of the County of Grainger and State aforesaid do certify that I was living in Orange district South Carolina during the Revolutionary War, that I was then, and still is acquainted with Samuel Box whose name is subscribed to the foregoing declaration I believe him to be eighty-eight years of age, that the said Samuel Box was frequently at the house of the father of this deponent, that he knew of his being drafted, and also that he served as a volunteer in the Revolutionary war against the British and Tories, as stated in his declaration, and that he understood also, that he was taken a Prisoner by the British at Charleston and this Deponent further states that it has always been understood that the said Samuel Box fought bravely for his country during the Revolutionary war and further states that the said Samuel Box has been always considered a man entitled to the fullest credit, in any statement that he would make on oath or otherwise, Sworn to and Subscribed the 12th day of July A.D. 1833

S/ Absalom Roach

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$72.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 21 months and 22 days service from 1776 as a private in the South Carolina militia.]