

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cannon S30309

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State of Kentucky, Hart County

On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1843 personally appeared before the Undersigned, a Justice of the peace, in and for Hart County Kentucky John Cannon, a resident of Court County Kentucky, aged eighty-two 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; entitled "An Act Supplementary to an act for the relief of the Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution."

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following officers and Served as herein after stated to wit:

This Declarant states that he was born in the District of Ninety Six South Carolina in the year Seventeen hundred & Sixty; and that he entered the United States Service as a drafted militia on the 1<sup>st</sup> June Seventeen hundred and Seventy five from the District of Ninety Six under Captain James Davis and General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] who marched us across the Savannah River into the State of Georgia in pursuit of the Indians. We were drafted for a tour of three months; but during this tour we were in no engagements and after the expiration thereof we were disbanded and returned to Ninety Six District. This Declarant states that after he returned to the District aforesaid he apprenticed himself to a blacksmith to learn the trade of a Blacksmith and continued at that business for four years which brought time up to September Seventeen hundred and Seventy nine and he states that he worked as a Journeyman Smith until the 1st September in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty when he volunteered from the Said District under Captain James Dillard and Col. Levi Casey and continued in the volunteer service under the aforesaid officers against the British and Tories until the 1<sup>st</sup> June Seventeen hundred eighty one when he again volunteered under Major Law and Col. Brandon [Thomas Brandon?] and was marched to the siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] and was at that Fortress during the siege. Soon after the abandonment of Ninety Six by Gen Greene [Nathanael Greene] this declarant was put under the command of Col. Benjamin Killgore [sic, Benjamin Kilgore] who was engaged in chasing the Tories under "bloody" Bill Cunningham (as he was called) and continued in protecting of the inhabitants from the Tories until the last of July in the year aforesaid. This Declarant states that he was again in the Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August next ensuing under Captain James Dillard and Major John Ford for a tour of Six months. This company were marched in pursuit of the British after their defeat at the battle of Eautaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] Springs on towards Charleston and we were continued in service until the expiration of said tour when the war was closed in the South.

This Declarant further States that owing to the lapse of time as well as his failing memory he is unable to give a detailed and minute narrative of the events which transpired during the time he was engaged in said Service. He was in no engagements except the Siege at Ninety Six and an occasional skirmish with the Tories and British of no notoriety. He recollects distinctly to have served as above to wit - three months after the Indians in Georgia in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy five and also

that he volunteered on the 1<sup>st</sup> September Seventeen hundred and eighty and continued as above Stated until the last of January Seventeen hundred and eighty two. He states that he knows of no persons by whom the foregoing Services can be proved except his brother who lives in Indiana (if alive).

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 and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Cannon, X his mark

[Robert Reames, a clergyman, and William E. Gardner give a standard certification of reputation for veracity, age and believed in the revolutionary services.]

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State of Kentucky, Edmondson County,

On this the fourth of June 1843 personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in & for said County, Thomas Adkins<sup>1</sup> a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement in relation to the services performed by John Cannon, now of Hart County Kentucky; in the South Carolina Militia during the Revolutionary War - This Affiant states that he was well acquainted with John Cannon in the District of Ninety Six South Carolina, before the War of the Revolution; and that this Affiant knew the said John Cannon, during the continuance of the War, and also after the end of the same, and he states that said Cannon was a soldier in said war.

This Affiant states that his first acquaintance with said Cannon, as a Soldier, was on the 1st of September Seventeen hundred and eighty, when said Cannon was a volunteer under Capt. James Dillard and Col. Casey. This Affiant states that from the date last mentioned until the siege of Ninety Six, in June Seventeen hundred and eighty one, said Cannon was engaged against the Tories and British in Scouting and foraging parties and this Affiant frequently met with, and saw him in said Service.

This Affiant states that said Cannon was at the Siege of Ninety Six; and after said Siege said Cannon still continued in service under Col. Kilgore who was in pursuit of the Tories under "bloody" Bill Cunningham. This Affiant States that after said Affiant's return to Ninety Six District, from the Eutaw Springs in September Seventeen hundred and eighty one, that said Cannon was still about in the service and continued so until in January Seventeen hundred and eighty two when said Cannon returned home.

This Affiant Stated that he and said Cannon were neighbours, before and after the war, and that he knows that said Cannon did render the services as above to wit that he became a soldier on the 1st September 1780 and continued in Service until the 1st January 1782, though the Affiant was not with said Cannon "all the time" during the period above referred to; but was with said Cannon often and frequently during said service and knows that he rendered the service.

S/ Thomas Adkins, X his mark

Comptroller's Office, Columbia So. Ca. May 1843,

Sir

Agreeable to your request, as expressed in your communication of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., I have examined the Books of acct in this office & subjoined is a copy of the evidence in the case of Mr. John Cannon Indents

No. 416, Book S, Issued the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1785 to Mr. John Cannon for Twelve pounds six shillings & five pence sterling, for duty done & provisions for the Militia, Militia duty as per acct. audited No. 46

Principal £12:6:5. Int. £0:17:2

Acct. 46

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Adkins R58](#)

For Militia duty, as Lieutenant since the Reduction of Charleston; also for provisions supplied the militia and 1780, amtg. £86:5:0 £12:6:5 sterling

Duty per Col. Anderson's Return £68:15:0

Provisions supplied the Militia £17:10:0

£86:5:0

Sterlg £12:6:5

Indent

No. 534, Book Y, issued 14 Decbr 1785 to Mr. John Cannon, Forty two pounds ten shillings & eight pence sterling, Militia duty in 1781 & 1782 per accts/audited No. 92

Principal £42:10:8

Interest £02:18:11

Say £42:2:10 ¼

Acct 92

For Two Hundred & Ninety five days duty in Col. McDonald's Regt, Genl Marion's Brigade from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1781 thro the 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 1782, (alternately) @ 20/pr day £235 Currency.

Changed Sterlg £44:5:0

Deduct less £02:1:¾

Amt Sterling £42:2:10 ¼

I certify the above to be a true copy of the Record and this Office

For Comptroller Genl.

S/ [illegible signature]

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State of Indiana, Daviess County

On the 16 day of Nov 1843 Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for Said County James Cannon<sup>2</sup> who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Statement in relation to the Service rendered by John Cannon now of Hart County, Kentucky in the South Carolina Militia during the War of the Revolution.

James Cannon Deposeth as follows:

That his brother John Cannon served in the Revolutionary War under Capt. James Davis and Genl Williamson as drafted Militia June 1<sup>st</sup> 1775 and crossed the Savannah River into Georgia in pursuit of the Indians how long I cant say - On his return he work at his trade as Black Smith [blacksmith] he again volunteered under Capt James Dillard and Col Levi Casey I can not say for certain how long he served as My Memory dont serve me. I also recollect of his serving under Col. Kilgore, also I was with him when he served under Capt. Dillard & Major John Ford 1781 how long I cant say probably 6 or 12 Months.

S/ James Cannon, X his mark

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this date first written.

S/ Francis Williams, JP

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State of Kentucky, Hart County

The Supplemental Declaration of John Cannon of Clark County Kentucky taken at the home of his son Thomas Cannon before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid. John Cannon, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following addition to his Declaration of the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1843 for a pension.

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<sup>2</sup> [James Cannon S32166](#)

The Declarant states that the cause why he has delayed attempting to procure a pension for the Services rendered by him in the South Carolina Militia during the War of the Revolution, must be attributed to the circumstance, that he has heretofore been possessed of a competent amount of this world, wealth; but that he is reduced to poverty and indigence now and is compelled to Subsist upon the Charity of his children. That while this Declarant was able to support himself by other means he did not wish to avail himself of the benefit of the provisions made by Congress touching pensions.

This Declarant further states that since making the Declaration of the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1843 he has been reflecting upon the events of his revolutionary Service and he is now able to remember having the Service thirteen different times under various officers, all of whose names he cannot now recollect; and that he now believes that instead of having the service in January Seventeen hundred and eighty two, he continued in service until in the autumn of the year Seventeen hundred and eighty two. This Declarant further States that he received several discharges and certificates of Service but they have been mislaid and lost.

S/ John Cannon, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.76 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months & 25 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]