

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hickman S31127

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State of Kentucky Simpson County Sct.

On this 12th day of September 1833 personally appeared, before James Herndon a Justice of the Peace in & for said County, John Hickman who is a resident of said State and of Logan County Kentucky aged seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That in the year 1780 he thinks the first month of the spring, he entered the service of the United States as a private in the war of the revolution as a drafted soldier of Roan [Rowan] County North Carolina for six months or upwards, that Captain Mountfloreance was the commandant of the Company – to which this affiant belonged, that his Company formed a portion of Colonel Barringer's Regiment of Militia, that he continued in the service until the time aforesaid ended, that during this time of service he was in no battle. That at the expiration of the time of the aforesaid draft, he entered the service as a volunteer, in the company aforesaid, and in the same Regiment, the time for which he volunteered he for want of memory cannot state, but that he is certain he never left the service until the month before Lord Cornwallis surrendered at York Town, which he thinks took place in October 1781 – this affiant states that he was in no battle during his Tours of service, that he received a number of discharges to which the name of Captain Mountfloreance was attached, that he has made diligent search for said discharges and cannot find them, he states that he is infirm of mine because of the loss of family – relations, not so much of age, that because of that his infirmity he cannot state the number of his Tours, or the number of his discharges from said Tours, but he is certain of having entered the service and of never having left it as above stated, he is not certain of having served all the time under the officers as above named, but that he served a part of the time under said officers he cannot be mistaken, he states that he has to the best of his knowledge given a fair detail of the Services he rendered for his Country, and if a more accurate statement is required that in the foregoing he shall lose the reward which he now asked of government he states that he has no documentary

evidence, nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove the services aforesaid, that he is unable to attend Court there to make his declaration.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension but the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the United States or any agency thereof. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Hickman



The Justice put to the applicant the interrogatories prescribed by the war Department, to which he gave the following answers

A. I was born in Maryland in October 1781

A. I have no record of my age

A. When called into the service I lived in Roan County North Carolina, Since the revolution, I'm moved to Kentucky, Bourbon County in 1807 I came to Logan County where I now live.

A. When called into the service I was drafted, after the first Tour I volunteered for all the balance of the time until one month before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis.

A. I recollect but few if any officers of the North Carolina line war of the Regiments from loss of memory as aforesaid, the general circumstances of my service has been given as aforesaid.

A. I received a number of discharges but have lost every one of them.

A. I state as persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood & who can speak of my veracity & who can speak of their opinion of my services as a soldier Tilman Ray, & Robert Hall, & Lunsford Powell

[Tilman Ray, Robert Hall & Lunsford Powell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]