

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Tarvin S32003

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Georgia Houston County: On this Third day of December A.D. 1832 -- personally appeared in open Court before Loren F. Chain, Ephraim Kendrick, Simon Bateman and Jno Laidler Justices of the Inferior Court now in session George Tarvin aged seventy-five years, a resident citizen of the 10th District of Houston County and State aforesaid, who first being 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 7th of June 1832.

That your petitioner entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: to wit, In the fall season of 1779 (the day nor the month, not recollected) your petitioner was called into service by a draft, and ordered immediately to rendezvous at Augusta a small time at that time, in the County of Richmond, and State aforesaid, under the command of Lieutenant Barnett of which County your petitioner was a resident; he does not recollect the names of his other officers, not having any documentary testimony to refer to in order to refresh his memory, indeed your petitioner believes there were no other officers belonging to his company except Lieutenant Barnett. The Regiment, to which your petitioner belonged, was commanded by Colonel Twiggs [John Twiggs], directly after this Army had met at Augusta, they were marched below there, into Burke County, where they remained for a little short of three months -- your petitioner was then disbanded by a new relief after having served out his tour for which he was drafted -- something like three months -- his memory fails him to state the precise day or month when his tour of duty ended but he believes it was in December of the same year, your petitioner returned home to Richmond County, where he remained, until the fall ensuing, he then entered the service second time as a substitute under the command of Captain Townsend at or about the same season of the year as before, he was ordered to rendezvous at Augusta, Richmond County again, General Anthony Wayne was the commander. In a few days, he was ordered to march towards Savannah with the rest of the Army to which he belonged, he went through Burke County from thence to Screven, and from thence to Effingham County in Georgia and at a little village called Ebenezer, became the place for headquarters, where he remained until his term of service had expired, which was three months he was dismissed a short time before Christmas. He then returned home to the County of Richmond in the year following 1781 your petitioner entered into service as a volunteer under the command of Captain Samuel Beckham in the month of May, the date not recollected for a three months tour. Your petitioner and the Company to which he belonged was ordered to march to join General Wayne's Army who was by this time stationed twelve miles above Savannah -- your petitioner

was taken the same route as in his preceding campaign, the Company to which your petitioner belonged joined Wayne's Army about the last of May or first of June and during this term your petitioner served on scouting parties, placed between headquarters and Savannah. Your petitioner was not in any general engagement, in this tour, nor in either one of his former Campaigns, though he was in hearing of General Wayne, when he fought a battle against Indians, British and Tories, within five miles of Savannah at the residence of Widow Gibbons. There were three volunteer companies, with the company to which your petitioner belonged, one was commanded by Captain Samuel Alexander another by Captain Richard Heard and the company to which your petitioner belonged, was commanded by Captain Samuel Beckham, having Elijah Clarke, for their Colonel, this body of men were sent for by General Wayne, with orders to join him at Mrs. Gibbons to assist in the battle, aforesaid, but before your petitioner in company with the rest of the Army could get there the battle was just ended. The militia and volunteers were sent to Savannah where they remained until the last of August, and from thence to a little Island, Savannah, where he remained a short time, he was then brought back to Savannah and there discharged, in the early part of September, your petitioner then went home: besides these respective tours of duty your petitioner served on several scouting parties against the Tories and occasionally against the Indians your petitioner was born in the State of Maryland in the year 1757 the day and month not recollected, he has no record of his age, the only evidence he has is from what his parents have told him. He was living in the County of Richmond Georgia when called into service where he was brought up from his boyhood. Since the Revolutionary War, he has lived after leaving Richmond County in Jefferson, Laurens, please, Counties lastly, he removed to Houston County his present residence your petitioner was first called into service under a draft, next as a substitute for William Mattox now deceased, lastly as a volunteer. Your petitioner never received a discharge from his officers, but was always disbanded without a written discharge. Your petitioner is known by Elijah E. Crocker, John Chain, Simon Bateman & many others. Your petitioner does not know anyone surviving by whom he could prove the facts, and circumstances, herein set forth.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. And the said court do hereby declare their Opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states.

S/ George Tarvin

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Geo Tarvin", written over a faint, rectangular stamp or seal.

S/ Ephm Kendrick, JIC

S/ John Laidler, JIC

S/ Simon Bateman, JIC

[John McKenzie & John Fullwood, ministers of the gospel, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Georgia militia.]