

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Warden S32050

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State of Georgia County of Madison: Court of Ordinary Adjourned Term Monday he July 1833

On this 8th day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Robert Graves, Noah W. Pitman, John Meroney & James Long Justices of the Inferior Court now sitting as a Court of Ordinary Samuel Warden a resident of Captain Morgan's Company District of Georgia Militia in the County of Madison & State of Georgia aged seventy-three 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit, he entered as a volunteer in October 1779 as a private under Captain John Foster as a guard against the British and Tories and served under Generals Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and Marion and was stationed on twelve mile Creek in McKlenburgh County [sic, Mecklenburg County] North Carolina and continued in this service until April 1782 -- being a term of two years and six months in April 1782, he joined Captain Thomas Shelby's Company under General Sumter, Colonel Wade Hampton of the 3rd Regiment North Carolina and Major Blueford and Major Moore and continued in this Service until the 15th day of February 1783 -- being a tour of service of ten months during this service Captain Shelby was wounded and Captain Nathaniel Martin took the command -- he was at the taking of a Tory Fort on the Congaree -- he was at the taking of another at Buckhead commanded by McGirth [sic, Daniel McGirt] also at the taking of a Tory Fort at Orangeburg -- he was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs in this engagement Captain Shelby was there wounded and went home he was then placed under Captain Nathaniel Martin -- he was marched after the British and Tories to a place called the Strawberry where Colonels Lee and Washington engaged them -- he was marched to a place called the four hole swamp where they routed and killed a parcel of Tories -- he was marched after my birth who commanded the Tories on by Spirit Creek in Georgia to near the Florida line -- he continued in service as aforesaid until the 15th day of February 1783 when he received a discharge which he has since lost -- he knew General Greene and Marion -- he has no Documentary evidence and knows of no evidence he can procure who can testify to his Services -- and that this is the best showing he can make of his Services. In answer to the Interrogatories prescribed by the war Department and propounded by the Court he answereth as follows to wit

In answer to first Interrogatory -- he was born in the County of London Derry in Ireland the 17th day of March 1760

Answer to 2nd Interrogatory. He has no record of his age -- but from his father's Statement to him he believes he was born as aforesaid

Answer to 3rd Interrogatory. He was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when he entered the service -- and made that his place of residence until the year 1798 -- when he removed into Union South Carolina -- From thence to Franklin County Georgia from thence to Madison County where he now resides.

Answer to 4th Interrogatory. He volunteered

Answer to 5th Interrogatory. He was acquainted with Colonel Lee and Colonel Washington being frequently with their regiments -- also with General Greene and General Marion --

Answer to 6th Interrogatory. He received a discharge signed by Major Blueford which has been long since lost.

Answer to 7th interrogatory. He refers to Robert L. Tait, Robert Graves, William Sanders -- Augustus Crawford, Colonel Gabriel Nash and William Meroney.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel Warden

Benjamin Brown, a clergyman, and William Meroney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Amended declaration of Samuel Warden

State of Georgia County of Madison

On this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me James Long one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of the County of Madison -- Samuel Warden a resident of said County who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

In his declaration of which this is Amendatory this deponent stated that he had served two tours the first from October 1779 1782 -- to wit two years and six months and from April 1782 to February 1783 being ten months making together three years and four months but did not wish to be understood as having enlisted or serving as an enlisted soldier the facts are these in October 1779 but Tories became so violent that this deponent was compelled to leave his house and joined the Army (or otherwise suffer death by the Tories who were murdering and plundering all who came in their way) and although this deponent would not have been compelled (as a militia volunteer) to have remained such a length of time in the Army yet he considered it as to the most secure -- as he dared not return to his place of residence until February 1783, and preferred remained with the Army as before stated -- until such time as he could return and remain at home and peace -- the whole of this deponent's services were as a volunteer -- and could have received a discharge in a reasonable time after joining the Army had the Country not been overrun by the Tories -- that there appeared to be no place of safety but with the Army and where this deponent preferred remaining until he could return in safety -- this deponent knows of no person now alive who can testify to his services -- and from extreme old age and debility he is unable to make that search for evidence which he could have done a number of years past and also having removed such a distance from the place where his services were performed -- from this deponents old age and loss of memory etc. etc. this is the best showing this deponent can make -- and would some

more State that his services exceed that of two years -- and that in justice to himself he must say that he is entitled at least to the pay of a private for two years services (although he has served considerably more) and for two years services he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 11th day of February 1834

S/ James Long, JIC

S/ Samuel Warden

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service in the North Carolina militia.]