

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Emett S32237

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State of Indiana, Shelby County

On this fifth day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of Shelby County now sitting William Emett a resident of Liberty Township in the County of Shelby State of Indiana aged Seventy-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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That he was in the beginning of September A.D. 1780 drafted in the Georgia militia in a Company commanded by Captain Frederick Stump and Lieutenant Robert Nelson that he was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Few (of the General's name he has no recollection). That he was drafted in Richmond County State of Georgia and marched from thence to Burke Courthouse at which place he was in an engagement (the day he of which he disremembers) from Burke Courthouse he was marched to Augusta where in the latter part of December in the same year he was discharged. That he was drafted for the term of three months but remained in the service for a longer time and his services on this occasion was more than three months. That his residence was in Richmond County Georgia.

That on this sixth day of May A.D. 1781 he entered the Georgia militia as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Evan Shelby and Lieutenant Isaac Shelby that he was attached to the Regiment commanded Colonel James Shelby and the Brigade of General Clark [Elijah Clarke]. That he volunteered in Richmond County Georgia and marched to Augusta which place was in possession of the British. That he remained there until, and was in the Battle fought in the taking of Augusta [Siege of Augusta, May 22-June 6, 1781]. During the time he was at Augusta and previous to the Battle he was engaged in Company with John Wright, Hezekiah Kendricks and John Kendricks under the Commissary whose name was James Townsend in collecting and driving cattle for the Army. That he was discharged in the latter part of July in the same year. That his time of service at that time exceeded three months. That he then resided in Richmond County State of Georgia and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

And to the questions prescribed by the War Department and asked by the Court he gives the following answers.

1. That he was born in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina and thinks he was born about the year 1760 or 61.
2. That he has no record of his age.

That he resided in Richmond County Georgia until two years after the War and also at the two different times he was called into service and from thence he removed to Russell County Virginia and resided there six or seven years and from thence to Scott County Kentucky where he resided two years

and from thence he removed to Boone County Kentucky where he resided 32 years and from thence to Shelby County Indiana where he now resides.

He was drafted in the service the first time and was a volunteer the second time and as the general circumstances he has no further recollection than is before stated in the declaration. The Reverend Dudley Mitchell, George W. Vest and numerous others will testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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 the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Emett, X his mark

[Dudley Mitchell, a clergyman and George W. Vest gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me Thomas H. Fleming a Justice of the peace in and for said County William Emett to me and known to be the same person named in and who made the declaration to which this is annexed who being duly sworn the deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service as stated in said declaration but according to the best of his recollection he served as in said declaration stated not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For three months and 20 days he served as a private in the first tour of service mentioned in said declaration. For two months and 20 days he served as a private in the second tour of service mentioned in said declaration making in both tours a service of six months and 10 days and for such service he claims a pension.

S/ William Emett, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of October in the year 1834.

S/ Thomas H. Fleming, JP {Seal}

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum missing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Georgia militia.]