

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Harmon Wayman S32618

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The State of Indiana Boone County

On this 23rd day of April 1834 personally appeared before the Honorable Bethewel S. Morris [?] president Judge of the 5th Judicial Circuit of the State aforesaid and William Kenworthy [?] and Jacob Johns his associate Judges of the Boone Circuit Court April term 1834, In session, Herman Wayman of the County & State aforesaid aged 84 years next August, 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 June 7th 1832. That he was drafted into the Army of the United States sometime in September (but the precise date not recollected) in the year 1777 when a resident of Culpeper County & State of Virginia and entered as a private in to the company commanded by Captain William Chapman, other company officers not now recollected, but recollects one Major Roberts – shortly after he was drafted his company assembled at Culpepper Court house and were from thence marched with several other Companies, thinks 4 or 5 – through Maryland, Pennsylvania and in quite or near to the New York line – & then marched out, crossed the Potomac at Newland's ferry the Susquehanna at a place not recollected, and the Schaolkill [Schuylkill River] – they met with several bodies of other troops, but at what places or by whom commanded he does not recollect but is confident that at one place they came up with the main American Army commanded by General Washington & was with him sometime but from extreme old age & consequent loss of memory cannot give the particulars further than as above as to their March out –

That at the end of two months for which time he was drafted he was discharged but has lost the same. That after receiving the written discharge from some officer but which he cannot now recollect, he with his company marched back in regular order till they passed the Shoalkill River, when the company dispersed & the applicant with his brother Henry Wayman & Richard Lan returned to Culpeper County together making in all 12 days on their march home making 2 months & 12 days from the time he joined the company till he returned home to Culpeper.

2. That in December 1778 he was again drafted to serve two months in a company commanded by an officer whose name as well as other company officers he has entirely forgotten. The company assembled in Culpeper County & marched to Hunters Forge within about two miles from Fredericksburg – but in consequence of there being no barracks or other necessary provisions to make the company comfortable he with his company was permitted to go home after having served 14 days.

3. That in the summer of 1779 he was again drafted for two months & joined the company commanded by Captain Henry Toals [Henry Towles?] & assembled at Culpepper Court house when corn was about ankle high. There were other companies called out at the same time but the names of their officers as well as the officers of his own company, except Captain Toals,

he has entirely forgotten. The company marched from Culpeper Courthouse to Bolingreen [Bowling Green] – then to Chickahominy Swamp – thence to the Morben Hills [Malvern Hills] below Richmond on James River – at the latter place he received a written discharge but from whom he does not recollect, the same having been long since lost. At the time he was discharged from his last tour he had served two months & 4 days he was 4 days on his return home to Culpeper County when called on to perform 3rd tour.

4. In the fall of 1781 he was called on by draft to enter into one Captain Rice's Company at the County of Culpeper where he still resided to go to guard the prisoners at Albemarle Barracks but by the order of one Colonel James Barber of said County he was taken from Rice's company & placed in a Blacksmith's shop at the Barracks there he was employed during the two months in mending wagons, making bridle bits & for the public service – at the end of which time a discharge was sent him & he returned home to Culpeper County on the 2nd day of January 1782. He has also lost the last mentioned discharge.

This applicant has no documentary proof of his service nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove any part of the same except by one Adam Close who is a resident of Campbell County Kentucky nearly one hundred fifty miles from the residence of the declarant who is very infirm & much afflicted with disease besides which he is in indigent circumstances & entirely destitute of the means to employ any person to procure the testimony of said Close

In answer to the several interrogatories required by the War Department the declarant states as follows

1. Declarant was born August 1750 in Culpeper County Virginia
2. He has no record of his age.
3. He was residing in the last named County at all of the several times he was called into service as before set forth. That he resided in Culpepper County after the Revolution until 1795 when he moved to the State of Kentucky & there resided until 1830 & then moved to Montgomery County Indiana thence he moved to the County of Boone where he now resides & has resided for the last 2 years.
4. He was drafted the several times when called into the service as before described.
5. In consequence of extreme old age & bodily infirmities he has in a great measure lost his memory & is unable to give the names of the regular officers, troops he met with or the general circumstances of his service more particular and as above set forth.
6. He received discharges from the several tours of duty performed which he has lost and that he is unable to say by what officer but he believes they were presented him by his several captains as before stated.

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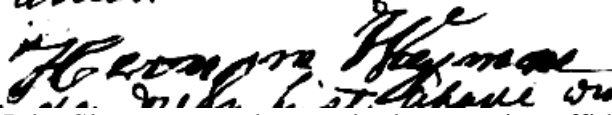
The declarant would further state that he now recollects that in the summer of 1778 he was drafted & served in a company commanded by Captain Henry Hill for the term of 2 months which he omitted to state in the order of his narrative that the company met at Culpepper Courthouse that he went north as far as Maryland & served 2 months that the particular [several additional words are indecipherable to me] further than he has stated.

7. He cannot state the names of any living witnesses as to his service except as before stated but he is well acquainted with Cason Burckhalter a regular clergyman of the Christian church and John Slocum Esquire by whom he is known in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to the character of the declarant for veracity & 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,

& declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State of [sic] Territory in the union.

S/ Harmon Wayman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harmon Wayman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Harmon Wayman".

[Cason Burckhalter, a clergyman, and John Slocum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months & 12 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]