

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Young, S32621

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State of Illinois, Marion County

On this 9th day of March 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Circuit Court of Marion County in the State of Illinois now sitting Samuel Young a resident of said county and state aged seventy-three years the 7th day of May next, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born on the 7th day of May 1762 in Cumberland County and the State of Pennsylvania as he was told by his parents and believes, where he lived sometime, when he moved to Northumberland County in said State, where he was drafted into the service of the United States under Captain Samuel Young in Major John Lee's Battalion and Colonel ___ Dougherty's Regiment, and he entered the service on the 7th day of May 1778 rendezvousing at Sansbury, [Sunbury] Northumberland County, where he remained as a guard at Lee's Fort during this term of his service, which was three months, and at the end of the three months for which he was first drafted, he was discharged by Captain Young in writing which discharge was burnt up by his getting his house burnt. There was no skirmish or fighting or anything of note transpired during this term. He then moved to Montgomery County in the State of Virginia where he was again drafted for another term of three months service under Captain James Montgomery and Colonel William Campbell's Regiment and entered the service sometime in the spring of 1781 [sic, 1780, based on events described]. He rendezvoused at Fort Chisel [Fort Chiswell] he was engaged as a guard at said Fort and in scouting after the Indians and Tories until the battle at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] in which he was engaged in where they defeated Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] killing a great many and took a great many prisoners. We joined Cols Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Williams [James Williams], Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and others of the American forces. Col Campbell having heard that the British and Tories were gathering at this place, marched immediately to attack them, arriving at the mountain and marching up it they met them on the top and commenced the Battle, and fought them to the foot of the mountain, and finally gained the victory. They then marched on lower to the Moravian Towns with the prisoners. On their marched Captain Montgomery's company to which he belonged was sent out as a scout. They came across a small squad of 8 or 10 British, who fired upon them. A skirmish ensued, the British firing and retreating and we firing and pursuing, until we found ourselves in the heart of a considerable British force and were compelled to retreat having lost our lieutenant. We then joined our Regiment, and marched on to the Moravian Towns and left the prisoners and

were marched back to Fort Chisel [sic, Fort Chiswell], where we remained stationed until the end of the second term of three months service when he was discharged again by Captain Montgomery by merely dismissing him, without any written discharge. The militia to which he belonged were then divided into classes and a class at a time was required to perform service by tours. The class to which he belonged was called upon to perform a tour of service in 1782 sometime in the spring. He was engaged in this service scouting, spying the Indians and guarding the frontier for a term of three months, under Captain James Montgomery, commanded by Colonel Campbell, though they did not march out by Regiment; but single companies were sent out as occasion required, but nothing of any note occurred during these three months. He was engaged a long time, say some four or five years, in this service but he cannot recollect any other term of definite service well enough to particularize it, being all ways ready and frequently called on but serving but a short time in a particular chase, for instance after Indians who stole horses or did any mischief, that he cannot give the length of time or date of service on account of his memory being frail, and recollection indistinct. He recollects no other officers than those he has stated, or any other Regiments, nor did he know any regular officers. He has no record of his age. He has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any living witnessed by whom he can prove it. He is acquainted with William H. Hadden, David R. Chance, John Hammer and a great many others in his neighborhood who can testify as to their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution, his general reputation as such and to his veracity. He lived when first called into service in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania and afterwards in Montgomery [County] Virginia; after the revolution he moved to Rowan or Roan County North Carolina then to Rutherford County North Carolina then to Spartanburg in South Carolina then to Franklin County Georgia, then to Sumner County Tennessee then to Logan County Kentucky then to ___ County in Indiana and then to Marion County Illinois where he has lived ever since and where he now lives.

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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Young, X his mark

[David R Chance, a clergyman, James Gray & Thomas Neil [Neel] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Marion County: Sct. This day personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Samuel Young, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of June 7th, 1832.

That he was not called out only as stated on any specific tour of duty, but only as occasion required, and for so long a time as he might be needed to repulse and drive away the enemy and secure the frontiers from massacre. So far as he has stated in his declaration he was called on and served specific tours of duty. That he has no documentary evidence of said service, nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove it: and as to the occasional service for short periods, when he was not called out to perform specific tours of duty, he is in like manner without any documentary, or other evidence of living witnesses of the same: and if it cannot be allowed without better than his own oath, & his repute as such in his neighborhood, he will be and is unable to produce any other: If it cannot be allowed upon such evidence as he has, he hereby all claim for pension for any such service, or any part thereof, as is

not stated to be in specific tours of duty, and claims for the remainder of said service such as comes within the provisions of the act of Congress and the rules and regulations of the department upon the same and hopes that the same may be alloweth and further saith not.

S/ Samuel Young, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Pennsylvania and Virginia militia.