

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William George S3390

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State of Tennessee }
Lincoln County }

County Court October Term 1832

On this 25th day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the county court of Lincoln County, Tennessee, William George, a resident of Lincoln County Tennessee, aged seventy six 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 provision, made by act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 I was born in Lancaster County, Virginia, on the 19th of July 1756 according to record left in my fathers family Bible, but I do not know where it is now. – I entered the service of the United States, some time in the month of February 1778, according to the best of my present recollection as a volunteer in the 8th regiment of Virginia State troops commanded (I now think by Col John Hilbertson, and one Major Crosby. I belonged to the company commanded by Captain Fitzpatrick. Our regiment was with the main army under General Washington, at a place called “the Valley Forge,” on Schuylkill river, when I entered the service I continued with the main army until it left the Valley Forge and proceeded across the delaware river. we marched on through New Jersey, till we came to the neighborhood of Princeton at which place, there were fifteen hundred of twenty five hundred men (I now forget which) detailed (so many being taken from each company of our regiment) and placed under the command of Gen’l. [Charles] Scott, as light infantry, for the purpose of pursuing the British, who were then marching toward Sandy Hook. I was one of those sent with Gen’l Scott. We continued our march after the British, till we arrived at Monmouth, where we joined the forces under Gen’l. [Charles] Lee, & where we had a battle with the British, (I think) on the 28th of June [Battle of Monmouth]. As the British were stationed on a considerable eminence, we were ordered by Gen’l. Lee to retreat, at the commencement of the battle in order gain more advantageous ground we retreated (I think about half a mile, then halted and fought for some time – at length both sides withdrew we lay on our arms all night, expecting to have another battle on the next morning, but when morning came the British were all gone – We followed them part of the way to Sandy hook but finding that we could not overtake them returned to Monmouth, buried our dead and remained there several days. I then went with the army to the White Plains, where we remained till late in the fall, when we marched down in New Jersey to a place called “Middle Brook” [Middlebrook] and there took up Winter Quarters I remained in Winter Quarters till about Christmas, when I obtained permission to go home, having been in service about ten months. I never received a written discharge I lived in Frederick county Virginia when I entered service & continued to live there five or six years after the war was over. I then went to Nova Scotia and Cape Breton and engaged in the fishing & boating business & about the year 1808 or 1809 I moved to Iredell County N. Carolina where I lived till January last when I moved to this county where I now live. I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure to testify to my services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

William hisXmark George

State of Tennessee } Ss.
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On this 22nd day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of said county, William George, the applicant named in the foregoing declaration, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than ten months as a private in Captain Fitzpatrick’s company and in the 8th Regiment of Virginia

troops, & for such service he claims a pension. Applicant also states that having but recently moved to this county from North Carolina, he does not know of any clergyman whose certificate he can procure as to his character for veracity & revolutionary services, but would refer for that purpose to James Taylor and William Cushen [William Gashen] who formerly lived in the same neighborhood with him in North Carolina

William hisXmark George

NOTE: On 7 June 1847 Eli George assigned power of attorney to receive any benefit still due for the service of William George, who died on 1 April 1847, leaving no widow but the following children: Eli George, David George, William George, John George, Joseph George, Thomas George, Needham George, Mary George, and Mahala George.