

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Waggoner (Wagner) S3484

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County

On this __ day of September 1832, personally appeared before the Worshipful the County Court of the County & State aforesaid, George Waggoner a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged about 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

I was born, according to information derived from my Parents, in the year 1760 – in the County of Bucks [possibly Berks, but looks like “Bucks”] & State of Pennsylvania. I have no record of my age, in my possession or power.

He states, that he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, to wit – I first entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Orange & State of North Carolina, in the Company Commanded by Captain Joseph Young in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Sanders [James Saunders] – for the time of five months. We marched into South Carolina & encamped on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River – the Americans occupying that side & the enemy on the Georgia side. The Americans were under the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. A detachment was sent from General Rutherford's headquarters, across the River to join General Ash [sic, John Ashe], who was on the Georgia side, previous to the Battle of Brier [Briar] Creek,¹ in which the Americans under General Ashe was defeated. He was not himself in the Battle, being employed during the whole of this term, as a Waggoner.

The Army remained near the White House, until the expiration of the term of Service, which was five Months. He was discharged upon his return home, but in removing to Kentucky at an early period, he lost all his papers & amongst them his discharge. The year he rendered the service in he does not recollect, nor does he have any date to refer to except what is already stated. He has no distinct recollection of any of the General officers in service at that time except General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & Major Gass [could be Gap] a brother in law of the applicant was Sergeant Major in a Regiment enlisted for nine months.

Some time in the Winter of 1780 – '81, he volunteered in Orange County North Carolina in a company of mounted Infantry, commanded by Captain Graham [sic, Davis Gresham], the Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor [Thomas Taylor] & William McCuller Major – we rendezvoused at Hillsboro, & marched to Pee Dee [sic, Pedee River] in South Carolina. There was occasional skirmishes but no general engagement. We were chiefly employed in marching through the Country, in different directions, to be employed where necessary. Having served the

1 March 3, 1779

full term, I was discharged.

Shortly afterwards, I volunteered in a Company of Rangers commanded by Captain Abraham Allen, Joseph Young Lieutenant. This Company was called into service at different times, being required to be ready to march at a moment's warning. The day before Hillsborough was taken by the Tories our company had a severe battle with the enemy, near to Hillsboro on Kirk's plantation.² In this action Lieutenant Young was mortally wounded & died in a few days – several others were killed & wounded. This applicant was shot through the right arm, a short distance above the wrist – which has much disabled him ever since. The Captain (Abraham Allen) & others were wounded. This applicant was too much disabled to continue in the service – how long he served under this engagement he is unable to say – but he is certain that he was not able to perform active service after receiving the wound for at least a month. So soon as he was able, he went again into service scouring the Country in search & pursuit of Tories with which that devoted section of Country was much infested. He was regularly discharged – but lost the same as before stated in removing to Kentucky. He has no documentary Evidence in his possession or power to prove his service, or any part of it. He can prove the same in part by Thomas King and his brother Solomon Waggoner: He continued to reside in Orange County North Carolina, until a few years after the War, when he removed to Green County, East Tennessee, where he resided 12 or 15 years from thence he removed to Barren County, Kentucky where he remained seven or eight years, & from thence removed about 24 or 5 years ago to this County, where he now resides.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

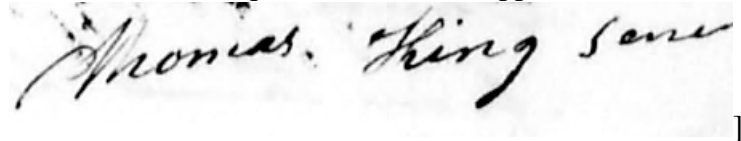
S/ George Waggnor [sic]



S/ E. Russell, Clerk

By S/ W. B. Wagner, D. Clk.

[Thomas King, a resident of Franklin County Kentucky, 65, gave a supporting affidavit. He states in part as follows: "He has a perfect & distinct recollection of the battle at Kirks Plantation near Hillsboro, at the time spoke of by the applicant, who was then in service in the "Whig" or American side in Captain Abraham Allen's company – he knows that the applicant George Wagner [sic] was wounded at that battle. The Lieutenant was mortally wounded & died shortly afterwards. The Captain was severely wounded. The Captain & first Lieutenant on the Tories side, were both killed in that battle. This Deponent was well acquainted with the officers & many of the men in both sides. The Company muster ground was in his father's land. He continued to be acquainted with said applicant until he removed to the Western Country."



The aforesaid George Waggoner, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

² The applicant is referring to the engagement at Kirk's Plantation which is believed to have occurred on September 12, 1781, the same day on which Col. David Fanning and his corps of loyalists occupied Hillsboro and took Governor Thomas Burke and members of the NC General Assembly prisoner.
http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_kirks_farm.html

S/ George Waggoner

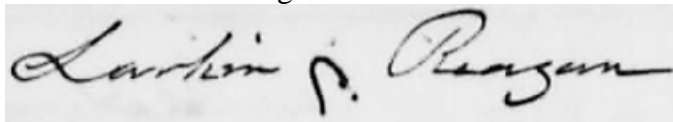
[Robert Dougan, a clergyman and Col. James Lewis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Larkin Reagan³ a resident Citizen of Franklin County Tennessee, being first duly sworn, deposes & saith, that he was acquainted with George Waggoner who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration, during the War of the Revolution; & further states on his oath, that he the said George Waggoner served a tour of duty of five months in Captain Young's company as stated by him in his said declaration.

Sworn to and Open Ct. September the fifth 1832.

S/ Larkin Reagan



S/ E. Russell, Clerk

By S/ W. B. Wagner, D. C.

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County Sct.

On this 28th day of May 1833, personally appeared before the Worshipful the County Court of the County & State aforesaid – George Waggoner, a resident of said County & State aged about 72 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following addition, in amendment to his declaration made before the Worshipful Court, on the ___ day of September 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

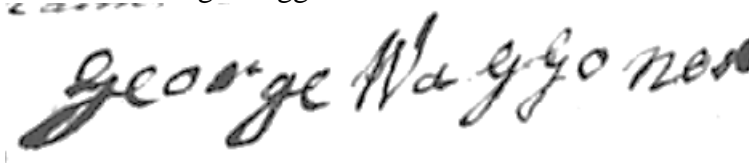
The first tour of duty he served was five months as stated in the original Declaration.

The second tour he served as a private in Captain Grisham's Company was two months; this was recollected but omitted to be inserted in the original declaration.

The third tour he served as a private in Captain Abraham Allen's Company of Rangers. Upon further reflection since he made the original declaration & conversing with Thomas King, a witness his recollection has been refreshed, & he now states that he served during this tour the full term of six months. He recollects distinctly that about the time of the commencement of this tour, there were three Tories hung at Hillsborough, namely Ricketts, Poe & Dark.

Altogether he served during the Revolutionary War 13 months as a private as before declared, for which he claims a Pension.

S/ George Waggoner



Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 28th day of May 1833.

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

By S/ W. B. Wagner, D. C.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]

3 [Larkin Reagan S4058](#)