

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Sampson S35640

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[Kentucky, Shelby County]

On this 22nd day of November 1821 personally appeared in open court being a County Court held for the County of Shelby at a Court of record &c Isaac Sampson aged about 61 years resident in the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & of the 1st May 1820 that he the said Isaac Sampson Enlisted for the term 18 months about the first of February 1778 in Henry [sic, ?]¹ County in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Micajah Lewis & in 4th Regiment of North Carolina Regulars then called the new levies in the Continental line and service of the United States that he continued to serve in the said Regiment & Continental line until his term of service had expired when he was discharged on the 13th day of August 1779 by Colonel William Little [William Lytle, sic more likely to have been Lt. Col. Archibald Lytle as William Lytle was only a Captain in 1779] the commander of the said Regiment as by his original discharge hereby accompanying this declaration² will show he further states that he again Enlisted before he returned home to his place of residence about the 20th day of August 1779 in Captain Ramsey's Company in the 2nd Regiment of South Carolina Regulars in the Continental line commanded by Colonel Mason [perhaps James Mayson] for the term of & during the war that he was with his Regiment at the siege of Charleston & was taken prisoner at the surrender of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] in Charleston in May 1780 [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]³ that he continued a prisoner with the British about two months when he made his Escape from them & returned to his place of residence not hearing on Knowledge of the Regiment to which he belonged being exchanged & no chance of Joining them he reported himself to Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] Commanding the Regiment of Cavalry & Joined his Regiment in the fall afterwards and Continued in Colonel Lee's Corps until the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] & the close of the war he states that in consequence of his Capture at Charles town as a prisoner he never was enrolled to get a discharge or any Certificate of his service in the 2nd South Carolina Regiment & he states that he was in the battle of St. Johns' Island with General Lincoln and some skirmishes while in the 4th North Carolina Regiment that he was while in the 2nd South Carolina Regiment, at the siege of Charlestown & Surrender of General Lincoln & there made prisoner

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² There is no such document in this file.

³ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

that he was with Colonel Lee's Corps at the battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781]⁴ where he was wounded and had his right Eye put out by a fragment of a rock from a Cannon Ball but not so [illegible words, looks like "dir able", perhaps intended to be "disabled"] but he Continued with his Corps & was at the siege of York and taking of Cornwallis that he was in many small Battles and Skirmishes with Lee and General Marion [Francis Marion] he further states that he is old and infirm having lost one Eye in the revolutionary war & the sight of his other is like to be lost he follows the occupation of Keeping a small Shop but his sight has failed him so that he is not Capable of attending to it he has no family living with him but a wife who is older than himself he further states that during the last war with Great Britain he went as a volunteer with General McArthur & went the Campaign in upper Canada & in pursuit of the Act of 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818 & that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress Entitled an act provide for Certain persons Engaged in the land and naval force of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities Contracts or debts due to me nor have I any Income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me Subscribed as a schedule of property he can state that he has no property of any description but his Clothing and a few Books.

State of Kentucky, Shelby County Court Office

I James L. Whitaker Clerk of the County Court of Shelby in the State aforesaid do certify that the foregoing is a true Copy from the records of my Office. In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand & caused the seal of said County to affix at Shelbyville this 20th day of July 1824 and 33rd year of the Commonwealth.

S/ Ja. L. Whitaker, Clk
Shelby County Court

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Isaac Sampson a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in 1781 for the term of 12 months and left the service on the 28th of April 1782.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh 4th of January 1825.

S/ Wm Hill

Raleigh 25th February 1825

Sir

I find the name of Dennis Scott twice on the Rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war. He appears to have enlisted first under Captain Yarborough of the 10th Regiment in the year 1781 for 12 months and served until the 1st May 1782. It appears that he then enlisted under Captain Carter as a private, in the year 1782 for 18 months, nothing being said respecting his discharge in this case it is supposed he served the term for which he enlisted. This latter service was also in the 10th Regiment.

I am of the opinion the Isaac Sampson mentioned in my certificate is the same who claims for services performed under Captain Micajah Lewis, that he must have enlisted a second time, and his first enlistment not mentioned on the rolls, that he neglected to state his second enlistment, which was under Captain Brevard (Brevard & Lewis served in the same Regiment

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

and in the same part of the Country) believing the first sufficient. The whole of the Army of this State not enlisted for a longer time than 18 months, were placed in the 10th Regiment, and are not mentioned on the Rolls as having belong to any other Regiment, although it is believed many of them were enlisted by Officers belonging to other regiments.

Recruits made by one Officer were it is believed frequently placed under another which accounts for many of the old Soldiers stating that he served under one when the muster rolls shows that he served under some other Officer.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

S/ Wm Hill⁵

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 20, 1824, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental Army.]

5 William Hill is clearly mistaken in stating that this claimant is the Isaac Sampson listed on the NC Continental muster rolls as having served under Capt. Alexander Brevard in the 10th Regiment of the NC Line. The Isaac Sampson listed on said rolls is the Isaac Sampson whose application is filed in [Isaac Sampson S41999](#). That Isaac Sampson states in his application that he enlisted under Alexander Brevard in 1781. The services described by this applicant could not have been rendered while serving under Brevard.