

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zadock Sowell S38394

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District of Georgia County of Wilkes: On this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord 1824 personally appeared in open court to wit the Superior [court] of Wilkes County in the State of Georgia being a Court of record, Constituted such by the laws of said State, having power to fine & imprisonment, being unlimited in its amount and keeping a record of its proceedings, Zadock Sowell a citizen resident of said County aged about sixty-five years, who being duly first 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 of March 1818 & 1st May 1820 that he the said Zadock Sowell enlisted first for the term of three years or about (as well as this Declarant recollects) the winter of 1777 or 1778 in the State of North Carolina by Lieutenant Hays (though this deponent being entirely illiterate knows not how the said Hays may have spelled his name) in the company commanded by Captain Harry, otherwise called Henry Dawson the 7th Regiment commanded by Colonel Hogan (sic, James Hogun) & there served until the regiments were reduced when this declarant fell into the first Regiment (the name of the Colonel commanding this deponent does not recollect) in the company commanded by Captain Reid [could be Rice] in the line of the State of North Carolina (or North Carolina Brigade) on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until within (as well as declarant can recollect) 3 or 4 months of the expiration of his said first term of service when he enlisted the second time at (as well as this declarant can recollect) Paramus town in Pennsylvania (or someone of the middle or New England states) [sic, New Jersey] for during the war in the said Company commanded by Captain Reid – in the said first Regiment and continued in said first Regiment until it was captured at Charlestown in the State of South Carolina when (this declarant being out with the wagon escaped & was separate from his Regiment after which time (which was but a short time preceding the capture of Lord Cornwallis) this declarant was never again regularly enrolled in any company or Regiment as he recollects but was promiscuously mixed with various companies of militia until peace between the United States & Great Britain was declared. This declarant having been a great deal of his time engaged with the United States wagons was in but one little encounter with the enemy which took place on the borders of New York in the Hackensack River not far from Fort Lee and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the foregoing.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a

resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever 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 to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and 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 and by me subscribed

Schedule of property owned by Zadock Sowell on the 24th day of February 1824

Three beds and furniture

Six hogs with other scanty [?] articles of household furniture not worth in the whole \$10 I do further declare my occupation is that of a cobbler & some time that of a cooper (though now attending of a mill) which I am unable to attend to with but little profit to myself & family. And that my family consists of myself & wife who is about my own age, & almost helpless, two daughters, the oldest about thirty years old, the youngest about twenty & able to support themselves & their two small children (but because of their [indecipherable word, looks like "Lea"] & the unhealthiness of the climate can do but little for myself and wife, one son about fifteen who is able to do good work for all boy of his age.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 24th February 1834

S/ Jno. M. Dooley

S/ Zadock Sowell, X his mark

[Facts in file: veteran died March 10, 1826.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 24, 1824, for 3 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]