

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Singleton S39072

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State of Tennessee Montgomery County: May 2nd 1818

This Day came before me Parry W Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in & for the State of Tennessee aforesaid Robert Singleton a Citizen resident in the said County of Montgomery who being first sworn to declare the truth & nothing but the truth Declares & says that he was in the service of the United States upon Continental establishment in the time of the revolutionary War That in the spring of the year to the best of his recollection of 1776 he enlisted as a common soldier in the Company of Captain John Nelson in the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Polk of the North Carolina line. That he was enlisted for one-year, served out his time & was discharged at the town of Halifax in the State of North Carolina. He returned home to the County of Guilford & remained at home a month when he took a commission of Ensign under Captain Andrew Verney¹ who had authority from the then Governor of North Carolina Caswell to choose his own officers & was furnished with blank commissions under the seal of the State – that his commission was filled up and delivered to him & Lieutenant Campbell & Hardin of the same company received their commissions at the same time which were blank & filled with the names of those officers in his presence he marched from Guilford with the Company which was at that time in complete to Kingston [sic, Kinston] upon Neuse River from which place he was ordered to return to Guilford to recruit, he did so, procured sufficient number of men to complete the company & rejoined Colonel Abraham Shepherd who commanded the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina line who then lay at Kingston with his Regiment. He continued in service for about two years sometime in the year 1779 when marching to the northward he was taken sick at Alexandria in Virginia at which place many of the soldiers of the Regiment were inoculated for the smallpox & was detained a considerable time in consequence of his bad state of health Colonel Shepherd gave him leave of absence until his health was restored he returned again to Guilford & remained there some months his health not restored but being better than he had been he [indecipherable word] on to join his Regiment, but met Lieutenant Colonel Davidson of the same 10th Regiment who told him that the Regiment had been reduced that it was unnecessary for him to go on & that he might return home. He did so & afterwards removed to the State of Georgia where he was in service of the State in the Indian

¹ The War Department interpreted this name as "Captain Andrew Vanoy."

Wars & in a [indecipherable word] action with the Indians on apalachy River he lost his sight of his right eye by the powder from the gun of the man who stood next [to] him in the ranks. That afterwards he removed to the State of Tennessee & got all his papers among the rest his commission destroyed while on the road by reason of their becoming wet he being much exposed during the journey. He further says that he is now in his 75th [? last digit unclear] of his age, is very poor has no means of subsistence but by his manual labor, has no family but two daughters one of whom has four children & whose husband was either killed or [indecipherable word] at the City of New Orleans in the defense of that city during the late War his Daughter & grandchildren are all destitute of support by their own & his labor his Daughter whose husband died at Orleans never having obtained anything from government for her support.

*no support.
Robert Singleton*

[facts in file: veteran died January 31, 1821.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 2, 1818 full one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]