

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Skelton S3915

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: On the 27th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee aforesaid William Skelton a resident of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee also aforesaid Born the 4th day of March 1762 in the County of Caroline in State of Virginia and being his age seventy-one years last March which appears from the record of his Father's family now in his possession 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 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the Army or Service of the United States under the immediate command of Captain Samuel Coleman in the County of Caroline in State of Virginia on about the last of April or first of May 1779 that he marched from Caroline County to Williamsburg Virginia at which place General Scott commanded at which he was discharged by Captain Coleman after serving two months and returned home a distance of 80 miles, that he was not again called on into the service of the United States until the 1st of January 1781 when he was drafted in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia and put under command of Captain James Barnett and marched to Richmond in Virginia, from Richmond the Company was marched to Williamsburg, the Company was marched to York Town in Virginia the Troops at that place being at that time under the command of General Nelson, after the arrival of Captain Barnett's Company at York Colonel Charles Dabney took command as Colonel of the company of Barnett's, Captain Grossam's [?] & Captain Tucker's from York was marched to Hampton from Hampton to the halfway house, where the command may principal part of the winter, from thence to York, from York to the halfway house, from which place to Williamsburg at which place he was discharged the first of April 1781 and sent home after serving three months. On the last of April or first of May same year 1781 he substituted for Hugh McAnnallary [?] in a Company commanded by Captain William Gibbons of Augusta County Virginia was marched to Richmond and kept on constant march and duty, some times under the Marquis de Lafayette, the last commander was General William Campbell – who died about the time he left the Army for Amherst and up Counties where he remained in service until the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] being five months & fifteen days – altogether ten months and fifteen days – And further that he never received any bounty or pay for any part of the time he served nor did he ever authorized any person to receive it except the 1st tower [tour] of two months which was paid him by Captain Samuel Coleman.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to in open Court 17th May 1832

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D. Clk

S/ William Skelton, W his mark

And the declarant further states that he has no other means of proving his services only by the testimony of Margaret Caven [?] – and John Skelton whose depositions or affidavits are hereunto annexed, and that he has no documentary evidence of his services in his possession or at his command and that he is a neighbor & acquainted with the Reverend William Faggans & John A. Rogers Esquire of Hawkins County, that he removed from Amherst to Hawkins County in the year 1797 where he has lived ever since.

S/ William Skelton, W his mark

[William Feagins, , a clergyman of the Baptist Church, and John A Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Margaret Caven of Hawkins County Tennessee and John Skelton, 69, also of Hawkins County Tennessee each gave a separate affidavits stating their recollection of the times during which William Skelton turned out for service during the revolution including the time that he served in the place of Hugh McAlary. The relationship, if any of these witnesses to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months & 15 days in the Virginia service.]