

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Ridgeway S4119

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[WTG Note: the dates given by this declarant appear to be uniformly off by one year: to wit, what he says happened in 1778 most likely occurred in 1779 and so on.]

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The State of Ohio Pike County }

On this third day of October personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Pike aforesaid (being a Court of Record) in open Court Samuel Ridgeway a resident of Pike County aforesaid aged seventy five years the twentieth day of October 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the flowing declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832—That he entered the service of the United States and served under the following named officers this declarant volunteered in a place then as near as he can remember called Craven County District Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina in a company commanded by Captain James Harvey Lieutenant William Rogers Ensign John McCain on the first of July 1778 for five months and served out his time and was honorably discharged by Capt. Harvey. [He] had a written discharge which is lost by time and accident. During the aforesaid five months the was in the first place marched to a place called Seneca¹ in the Cherokee Nation and this declarant and the company were engaged in a battle with the Indians & Tories. After the battle the company was marched to Tugalo River so called about four miles above the Indian Towns and at that place the company had another engagement² with the Indians & Tories. Our Lieutenant was killed and one John Willard a private badly wounded. The company was after that marched to the Indian boundary line and were discharged about the first of December as aforesaid at a place called Killet's Station in South Carolina by Captain Harvey as aforesaid. The Battalion to which the company was attached was commanded by Major Jonathan Downs and the Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Williams and the Brigade was commanded by Brigadier General Andrew Williamson.

On the first of April 1779 this declarant again volunteered for six months into a company commanded by Captain Henry Pawling Lieutenant Carter the name of the ensign is not remembered. The company was raised in District Ninety Six where this declarant then lived the company was attached to a Battalion under the command of Major William Mulwee [William Milwee] and the Battalion was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Williams. The army then marched in pursuit of the Indians and Tories to Tugalo or Savany (sic, Savannah)

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_seneca_town.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_towns.html

River then returned to a place called Musgrove's Mills on Enoree River in South Carolina. After a short stay, the army marched to Broad River in South Carolina from thence it was marched to Tiger River where Colonel Washington [William Washington] with two hundred men under his command joined the army . We then marched to a place called Williams' Fort where the British had a small force stationed and took the Fort with the loss of eight or nine men.³ The Army then marched to a place called Fair Forest in South Carolina. The army then marched to Bush River where there was a battle with the British & Indians where was killed about thirty five or forty and a few in the American army.⁴ The army then marched to Morgan's encampment on Pacolet River where we were stationed about two weeks after which the army was marched to a place called the Cowpens in North Carolina [sic, South Carolina] where was a severe battle [January 17, 1781] between the Americans & British and a large number killed on both sides. This declarant was retained until the seventeenth day of January 1780 and was out from the time he entered the service to the time he was discharged nine months and a half. This declarant was discharged at the Cowpens by his captain which discharge is lost by time and accident.

This declarant was again called out in a company commanded by Captain John Ridgeway, the Father of this declarant from District 96 in South Carolina about the first of April 1780 for four months. The company was first marched to a place called Indian Creek in South Carolina where the company destroyed a large amount of Property belonging to the Tories. After serving out said four months this declarant together with the company were discharged by Colonel Hase [Joseph Hayes] at Indian Creek and this declarant had a written discharge which is lost by time and accident.

This declarant was in the United States service one year six months and a half.

This declarant was born in Buckingham County, Virginia on the 20th day of October 1757. He has a record of his age in his Bible. After the birth of this declarant his father moved [to] District 96 in South Carolina where he lived until he went into the service. He continued to reside in South Carolina until 1803 when he moved to the State of Ohio then Ross County now Pike County where he had lived ever since and where he still resides.

This declarant has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no persons except David Ridgeway by whom he can prove his service.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, to wit: Oct. 3rd, 1833

S/ Samuel Ridgeway, His mark

[Thomas Wilson, a clergyman, and Charles McAllister gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared in open court David Ridgeway who being sworn according to law saith that he is a younger brother to Samuel Ridgeway who has made his declaration for a pension and to which this affidavit is appended upon his oath saith that his father resided in South Carolina in District Ninety Six during the Revolutionary War and that his father John Ridgeway was a Captain in the United States service and that he well recollects of his brother going into the American army and returning home as stated by his brother Samuel Ridgeway in his declaration and he has no doubt and fully believes that all that is stated in the declaration is

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_williams_plantation.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_bush_river_2.html

true and that he is seventy five years old as there stated and that he the said affiant has the Record of the age of the whole family and that the statement of his brother Samuel Ridgeway agrees with that Record further he saith not.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open court Oct. 3rd 1833

S/ David Ridgeway

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Ridgeway". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "way".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$61.67 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months & 15 days in the South Carolina militia.]