

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Haygood S4314

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State of Tennessee Davidson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

This day personally appeared in open Court before us William Williams, Jesse Wharton and Enoch P. Connell Justices sitting for the County of Davidson aforesaid at the October Sessions 1832 of said Court William Haygood a citizen of said County of Davidson aged seventy-seven years on the 26th day of July last who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in Brunswick County Virginia on the 26 day of July 1755 and in his infancy his Father removed from the County of Brunswick aforesaid to Johnson County [Johnston County] in the State of North Carolina. That in early life the particular time he does not remember, he was drafted in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Tanner Alford of Wake County North Carolina on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians. That he served his time faithfully and honorably and received an Honorable discharge which he has lost since by accident. That soon after his return from the Cherokee expedition there was a call made by the State of North Carolina for men to serve nine months, that he volunteered his services in the company commanded by Captain John L Jones and marched from Surry County North Carolina in said Company to Virginia, this service was in 1778 he recollects but the day of the month or the month itself has slipped his mind – when the company had arrived at Dan River in Virginia it was furloughed from the first day of August 1778 until the first day of March following. At the expiration of the furlough he was ordered to South Carolina, where he was placed under the command of Captain Ben Rhodes of the 4th Regiment of the United States Infantry at that time denominated new levies, the Regiment was part of the North Carolina line and he recollects that Major Ramsey was one of the field officers, the field officers he does not remember (except the Major –) the troops to which the Regiment belonged were under the command of General Lincoln – the applicant marched through various parts of South Carolina and was in the engagement with the British at Stono point in which action the American forces were commanded by General Lincoln, the engagement lasted some time and the Americans then

retired in the evening the British had abandoned the ground and the applicant was among the party ordered to bury the dead. From Stono point the applicant was marched to Charleston South Carolina where he was discharged from the service by Colonel Robert Mayburn [Robert Mebane] on the first day of December 1779 having been in actual service from the first day of March 1779 up to that time. This discharge the applicant has lost in some way he cannot now recollect how, but supposes it was by being carelessly kept as he never expected to need the assistance of his country in his support. After his discharge at Charleston South Carolina he returned home to Johnson County in the State of North Carolina and in 1780 – the month he does not now remember, he substituted in the place of Richard Rials in a company commanded by Captain Whitley – this was in the militia and a tour of 3 months – the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Sumner, which term of service he underwent faithfully and was honorably discharged. Again after the battle of Guilford Courthouse he substituted in the place of Charles Johnson of Wake County North Carolina for a two months tour in a company of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Malbady [Malmedy] this term of service having expired he was discharged honorably and returned home. The applicant next substituted in a class of twenty man, the law then requiring that twenty men should be drafted or hire a substitute, the company was Infantry and under the command of Captain Evans, whether of the regulars or not the applicant does not remember, but this he does remember that Captain Evans took his measure, complexion, appearance and the color of his eyes and administered an oath to him, from which circumstance he is induced to think the company was of the regulars but to what line it belonged he cannot say, the company was marched from Johnston County North Carolina to Halifax and placed in the Regiment under the command of Colonel Long, who was the commander of the public depot at Halifax; he served under the command of Colonel Long in various parts of North Carolina until the final termination of the war when he received his discharge from Colonel Long. He has lost all his discharges by some means or other and has therefore no documentary evidence of his service other than can be proved on the books in the war Department if his service was in the regular troops. After he was discharged by Colonel Long he returned home to Johnson County in the state of North Carolina after the war he removed from Johnson County to Montgomery County in the same State and remained there for three years ash from thence he moved to Fairfield County or district in South Carolina and lived there some twenty years or more removed from South Carolina to Roane County Tennessee then back to South Carolina then to Griggs County Georgia, then to Rutherford County Tennessee, then back to Roane County Tennessee, then to Davidson County Tennessee where he at present resides and has resided for the last 3 years. He cannot prove his service by anyone but Edward Blurton¹ who resides somewhere in Tennessee and is a pensioner of the Government as this applicant is informed and believes – where Blurton lives affiant cannot tell as he is too infirm and helpless to prosecute his inquiries in person and can only make this application to the court in person by the charity of neighbors in loaning him a horse to get to court. He has never received any pay for his services from the government nor is his name upon the pension list of any State or agency in the United States that he knows of and he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension but the present – and declares that his necessities and infirmities are such that unless he receives the timely support of the government he will be cast upon the world's cold charity – a beggar.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 23rd day of October 1832

Test: S/ Henry Ewing, Clerk

S/ William Hagood, X his mark

[William Gowen, a clergyman, and Neal Hopkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ [Edward Blurton W5223](#)

[Facts in file: Veteran died October 29, 1836; there is no family data in this file.]

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Haygood a private in __Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in the year 1779 for 9 months, and was Omitted in October 1779.

Given under my hand this 5th of December 1832.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]