

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Lawhorn S4506

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State of Tennessee Maury County: On this ___ day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting William Lawhorn a resident of the County of Maury and State of Tennessee Aged sixty-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

At the age of about 16 in the State of North Carolina Woak [sic, Wake] County he entered the Service as a Substitute for a certain Josiah Brown for a 3 months tour under Captain Dread Jones and Lieutenant John Trent in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Parmer [sic, Thomas Palmer or Thomas Farmer?] -- rendezvoused at Wake Court house from thence marched to Salisbury and there joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] then we marched to the Island Ford on the Catawba River where our troops were attacked by the British, and General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]¹ killed. We had a [indecipherable word] Battle near the place in the widow Torence lane² from that place we marched through Salem North Carolina to Dan River from thence to the high rock Ford on Haw River, there applicant got his discharge 3 days previous to the Battle of Guilford Court house which discharge he will hereafter declare the loss of. Sometime after this Applicant at the Court house in the County of Granville enlisted in the Continental line for during the war under Captain Hog [Hogg] a Continental officer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Sharp³ from thence marched to Hillsboro there applicant was sent off in a detachment under Maj. Cook Cross Creek from thence to Drowning Creek at Coles bridge then to the Raft Swamp, then to the Brown March⁴ then crossed Cape Fear River to bluford's bridge, while there there were several skirmishes. Applicant states that he being young and an orphan boy destitute of any learning he has no notes nor papers to refresh his memory to the date or date but here it was the news came that Wallis [sic Cornwallis] was taken and here he got his discharge which he carried him to his mother a widow when he left it with his

¹ General William Lee Davidson died at the battle of Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River on February 1, 1781.

² Sic, on February 1, 1781, there was an engagement at a tavern run, at that time, by the widow Tarrant or Torrence or Torrent or Torrance or Tarrence –her name is variously spelled.

³ If this veteran indeed served in the North Carolina Continental service, I think he confused the names of his officers and that he enlisted under Captain Anthony Sharpe under Colonel Thomas Hogg of the North Carolina Continental troops.

⁴ The engagement at Brown Marsh is believed to have occurred in September 1781.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/brownmarsh.htm>

other 3 months discharge, after this he moved up into Chatham County, State of North Carolina where he married and before he ever returned to his mother again she died, and he has never been able to obtain his discharges again. Applicant states that Colonel Thomas Parmer signed his 3 months discharge and Major Cook⁵ his last at Bluford's Bridge he thinks General Butler [John Butler]⁶ was commander when he was discharged by Major Cook. Applicant states that he was attached to different Companies during his service as a regular therefore he can only clearly recollect he enlisted under Captain Hogg and when discharged was under Captain Alsey Hix and is confident his name will be found on their roles, the exact time he served as a regular he cannot state that it must have been 9 months he has knowledge of but one man by whom he can prove his actual service and his certificate is hereunto annexed.

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 & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas J. Porter, Clerk

S/ William Lawhorn, X his mark

[James Y. Green, a clergyman, & William Turner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I think I was born in the year 1764 in the County of Johnston Swift Creek 6 miles of Smithfield North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have none. My father died I am told when I was but 11 years old, I never got any learning, but remember to have been told my age was set down in my Father's Bible. I have kept my age from the death of my Father & other occurrences.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in Wake County when I entered the Service. After the war I went up into Chatham North Carolina where I live in one neighborhood twelve miles from Pittsboro forty-two years from thence I moved to this County where I am now living --

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was a Substitute for a certain Josiah Brown for 3 months; then I enlisted as a Soldier for during the war --

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: While a Substitute the Regiment I served and was commanded by Colonel Parmer. I do not know the number of that Regiment. When I enlisted Captain Hogg was said to be a regular officer. Colonel Thomas Sharp was the officer who swore me when I enlisted for during the war -- the general circumstances of my Service I have set in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I did receive two one for a 3 month tour as a Substitute for Josiah Brown given by Colonel Parmer the other from Major Cook written discharge from the Regular troops at the end

⁵ No officer by this name and rank is known to have served in the Continental Army in the North Carolina line.

⁶ John Butler was a North Carolina militia officer and never held a commission as a Continental officer.]

of the war.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: In my present neighborhood Shadrach Weaver who has been acquainted with me ever since the war who was well acquainted with me in the Service whose certificate is hereto annexed, Jonathan Greene, Alsey Ledbetter, William Duncan, Robert Cogins, Edmund Dorety, Josiah Duncan, West Duncan, James Beck etc.

I Shadrach Weaver⁷ resident of the State and County aforesaid do certify that I was a Soldier of the revolution and in a Company commanded by General Butler on our march from the upper part of North Carolina toward Wilmington they marched by the way of Cross Creek and the Raft Swamp he saw William Lawhorn who made and subscribed to the above declaration in active service in a company commanded by Captain Alsey Hix.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the above date.

S/ Shadrach Weaver, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum effective March 4, 1831 for 12 months service in the revolution.]

⁷ FPA S3517