

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Ligon S4555

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State of Tennessee } [4 Sep 1832]

Smith County } On this [blank] day of [blank] 1832 John Ligon a resident of said County personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of record for said County having a Clerk and County seal, 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 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated. In the year 1780 or early in 1781 he was drafted in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia, and was attached to the Company of Capt. James Hill, but was discharg near the town of Petersburg, not having found the main army, being not more that 20 days in service 2^{ndly} in the year 1781 he joind Capt ___ Powells Company as a substitute in the stead of Robert Erskine, and became attached to the Regiment Commanded by Col'l. [William] Fleming, the army was commanded by Gen'l Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. Capt. Powel died and and he was then attached to the Company commanded by Capt. Richard Gaines. the army was march'd. to different places, but the Chief station was near the town of Suffolk. after serving three month he was discharged near Suffolk 3rd he was drafted in Halifax County Virg, and attach'd to the Company commanded by Capt. John Carr and was march'd to Prince Edward Court house where we join'd the Regiment commanded by Col. John Purnall, Capt. Carr substituted Capt. William Clark who became Commander of the Company. we became attach'd to the Brigade commanded by Gen'l. Robt. Lawson [Robert Lawson] and was then march'd to a place then known by the name of Point Fork on James River [Point of Fork at the confluence with Rivanna River], where they serv'd the army commanded by Barren Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben], and he becam attach'd to the Regiment commanded by Colo. [St. George] Tucker. at this place there was a valuable magazine which was destroyed by the British [6 Jun 1781]. we was then marched back to Prince Edward Courthouse; from whence we was again marched to and cross'd James River at a place then known by the name of Carter's Ferry [now Cartersville] and join'd the Marquis's [Marquis de Lafayette's] baggage, which was then in Goochland County. the Marquis with his army was pursuing the british army, which was on their way to york Town. we then march'd in pursuit of the army, but the applicant was taken with a surfiet and was not able to march, and was left in a strange section of Country on the 22nd day of June 1781 and was not able to march untill a considerable time after the capture of Cornwallis and his army [on 19 Oct 1781], and he rec'd his discharge of Capt. Clark after the end of the war. all his discharges are lost as he was not carefull of them not Imagining he woud have any use for them at this period. he has no documentary Evidence by which he can prove his service, nor does he know of any person whose testamony he can procure who can testify to his service

Quest 1st where and in what year was you born.

Ans: I was born in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia in the year 1761

Quest 2nd have you any record of your age if so where is it

Ans I have a record of my age at home

Quest 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 lived in Halifax County and State of Virginia when call'd into service I lived at the same place untill about 18 years ago when I removed to Smith County and State of Tennessee, where since then I have and now reside

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 or Territory of the united States or Else where Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the day and year aforesaid John Ligon

[Certified by Miles West and William Ligon.]

State of Tennessee } Personally appeared
Smith County }

Before me Don C. Dixon one of the Justices of the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County,
John Ligon, who being sworn deposeth and saith, that he served as private soldier, in the war of the
Revolution, in three tours of duty, as stated in his declaration, the term of six months and twenty days (6
mo 20 days) and that during the time for which he entered the service of the United States he was not
employed in any Civil pursuit whatever. John Ligon

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day May 1833