

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Young S4737

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State of Tennessee, Henry County: September Session 1832 of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions being a Court of Record

On this seventh day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court, John Stoddard, Esq., presiding – William Young a resident of said County of Henry aged about 71 years who being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service as a volunteer in the State of North Carolina some time and as well as he now recollects in 1779 – does not recollect what month, under the Reverend Captain James Hall [the War Department interpreted this as “James Hull”], but cannot remember that they were connected with any Regiment, we were stationed between the British Army & Charleston in order to reconnoiter and give information to General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] who commanded in that quarter and spent about three months tour at this time – and were then discharged between Ashley River and Stono. The next time he entered the service was in the following year about the middle of summer, as a minute man, and went out under ensign Ramsey (Captain Davidson [Alexander Davidson of the Rowan County Regiment of militia] who had been the Captain of the company having previously been taken prisoner in General Gates' defeat) and were employed a few days, when we entered under Captain Hugh Hall and marched to the forks of the Yadkin River in North Carolina in order as he is well recollects to meet the Tories and intended to join Colonel Sumner [perhaps Jethro Sumner] who was going on the same business but the Tories had been defeated before either of their parties arrived and during this time was in service about three weeks to the best of his knowledge and also about three weeks engaged in guarding the Ford of the Catawba River from the Tories about the same period, in all making about six weeks in this service. The next time he entered the service was in the year 1781, when he marched under Captain Davidson who became a supernumerary officer, and we were then put under Captain Martin [either Samuel Martin or Nathaniel Marshall Martin] who was commanded by Colonel Polk [Lt. Col. William Polk] under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] and were employed in a party of horsemen reconnoitering the British rear [indecipherable word] give information to General Sumter and got defeated near the Juniper Springs [June 18, 1781]<sup>1</sup> on the waters of the Congaree [River] and assembled afterwards on the Congaree near Friday's Fort and then he was taken sick and sent to Hospital and during this time was about three months employed. He does not know any person now living by whom he could prove any of his services unless it would be his cousin William Young, who is resident in Kentucky about two hundred miles from this place.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_mydeltons\\_ambuscade.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mydeltons_ambuscade.html)

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

Question 1<sup>st</sup>: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1761.

Question: Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer – I have no record but often heard my Parents say I was born in that year.

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

Answer: In North Carolina when called into service and where I lived till four or five years after the war, when I removed to Kentucky and where I lived until I came into the State where I now live about eight years ago.

Question: How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I always went as a volunteer

Question: State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: When he was first out he was employed altogether in a scouting party in the horse and not attached to any Regiment and so also in the second service but the third time he was attached to Colonel Polk's brigade under General Sumter.

Question: Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I never received any discharge being permitted by the Captain to return home on furlough a few days before with an Uncle and afterwards never received any regular discharge.

Question: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I am well acquainted with the Reverend Samuel McGowan and Thomas McCowat.

I have no documentary evidence by which I can establish my services nor can I prove the same other than above stated.

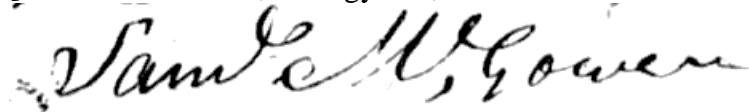
Sworn to & subscribed in open court September 7, 1832.

S/ B. C. Brown, D Clk.

S/ W. Young



[Samuel McGowan, a clergyman, and Thomas McCowat gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for said County

William Young who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grades: For seven and a half months I served as a private, and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1833

S/ T. B. Thompson, JP

S/ W. Young

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 15 days in the North Carolina militia.]

\*[Beginning on page 22 of this file, the documents relate to the application of William Young S31505.]