

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Safley S4809

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State of Ohio } S.S.  
County of Champaign } On this twentieth day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of common pleas for the County and state aforesaid now sitting, Henry Safly a resident of Goshen Township in the County of Champaign and state afore said aged seventh three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benifit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He enlisted in the army of the United States in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight [sic] for the term of five months and served in the "flying camp" [which existed from June until 30 Nov 1776] under captain [John] Reynolds. He volunteered and entered the service s afore said some time in the month of July in the year 1778, but what time in the month he cannot now recollect. Chaplin [sic: Moses Chapline] was first Leiutenant and Orendorf [sic: Christian Orendorff, pension application S38281] was second Leiutenant of the company to which applicant belonged. Colonel Shyack [sic: Henry Shryock] commanded the regiment to which this company belonged but the company was mostly by itself and sometimes with another company. He volunteered at Chaplins town Fredrick [sic: Frederick] State of Maryland and first marched from there to Philadephia and remained at that place about a week – was there uniformed – thence he marched to New York halted there but a few days and thence marched to fort Washington – remained there perhaps six weeks or two months the precise time this applicant does not recollect; from fort Washington he crossed North River to fort Lee [21 Nov 1776] he retreated with the "flying Camp" (driven by the Brittish) and recieved a written discharge which he cannot now produce as he thought it unnecessary to preserve it and which has been lost for years; he was engaged in no battle during this tour except a slight skirmish a short distance below fort Washington – he knows of no one who can testify positively to his service as above stated. Again in the year 1779 or 1780 [sic] he was drafted for the term of three months and entered the service Under Captain [Abraham] Lincoln Lieutenant Lincon and Ensign David Robison [or David Robertson] officers of the company; the company was attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell – at the time he was drafted he resided in Augusta County Virginia and thence he marched to the Ohio river where he assisted in Building fort McIntosh on the west bank of the river [begun September 1778 at present Beaver PA] – from thence marched to To Tuscarawas River about 70 miles west of the ohio where the built a stockade [Fort Laurens near present Bolivar OH, begun 10 Nov 1778] he remained there but a few days, returned to fort McIntosh and was discharged his term of service having expired – the company was disbanded without written discharges – he knows of no one whom he can procure to testify to his service in this last mentioned tour. In the year 1781 he was again dafted for three months and entered the service in the latter part of the summer of that year – he marched from Augusta County Virginia to Little York – he belonged to a company commanded by Capt. Hartman Lieutenant Lincoln and Ensign Robinson – he remained at Little York untill the Capture of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and a short time after was discharged, the three months for which he was drafted having expired – he has no documentary evidence of his service during said term of three months, nor can he procure testimony to such 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. He was born in the county of York in the state of Pennsylvania in the month of November in the year 1759. He has a record of his age at home in his bible. He lived in Fredrick county State of Maryland when first called into the service. And at the subsequent tours he lived in Augusta county Virginia. Since the Revolutionary war he has lived in Augusta, Rockingham & Battutaut [sic: Botetourt] county Virginia, he moved from there to Champaign county Ohio where he now lives about thirteen years since. He is acquainted with John Owens, John C. Pearson, John Reynold resident in his present neighbourhood who

can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution  
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