

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Timmons S6242

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State of Virginia County of Dinwiddie

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Dinwiddie County, now sitting, George Timmons a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-five years 30th of May last 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 officers, and served as herein stated; to wit; that in the year 1777 or 1778 he is not certain from the great lapse of time which & while he was residing near Sunbury and Georgia he was drafted as a private in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Stephen Dickerson under whom they sailed from Sunbury to St. Mary's. That from dispute having occurred between the Governor of Georgia & the officer who commanded the American troops, as to who should command after he crossed the line, the Governor discharged the Militia, after he had been in service a little more than 2 months, but he does not recollect the precise time. The expedition had been planned against Saint Augustine which was killed at that time by the British under an officer whose name he thinks was Prevost but the expedition fell through as aforesaid.

2. That soon after that the British invaded Georgia under the same officer, Prevost when he was again called out under the same Captain Dickerson with whom he served in the Fort Morris, in the little town of Sunbury before spoken of. That they people of the town evacuated it & retired into the Fort, & the British advanced & took possession of the town. It was believed he recollects that the plan of the enemy was for their fleet from the North to bring troops around to Savannah & for this force from Florida to penetrate the State at Sunbury & then to form a junction, but being disappointed in the failure of the fleet to arrive the party at Sunbury withdrew, without attacking the Fort. That after that some time & when the northern troops did arrived before Savannah, this same force returned & took Sunbury & the Fort. That this deponent however had been discharged in the interval between the first & second visit of the enemy, after having remained only about 2 weeks in service.

3. After the British took Georgia in 1780 he removed to Virginia & married in the County of Dinwiddie, where he has ever since resided. That he had not been here many months before, (when Philips & Arnold invaded Virginia) he volunteered as a private in the Militia & served a tour of duty. A general call as it was called was made on the occasion & many volunteered at one time. He recollects that Colonel Joseph Jones commanded the Regiment to which he was attached but he entirely unable to recall to his recollection the names of the Company officers. He marched to different points on James River below Petersburg & was

ultimately discharged at Cabin Point on the expiration of his 3 months tour of duty.

4. That subsequently in the year 1781 he was drafted as a militia man & served a 3 months tour of duty under Captain Peter Eppes<sup>1</sup> who commanded the company from that County, & was marched as before to different points on James River until the expiration of the time for which he was bound. That his Colonel during that tour was Falkner. That Captain Eppes still lives -- is a resident of this County & can testify as to this last tour. That it is impossible to procure the testimony from Georgia, even if any who could have testified for him are now alive, which is improbable, but that any of his present neighbors can depose as to the general understanding & belief of his revolutionary services. He does not know certainly that anybody is alive who served either of the last tours with him except Captain Eppes whose certificate he encloses. That the only clergyman who resided in his neighborhood has died some years since. That he has seen a register of his age in his father's family Bible but whatever became of it he knows not but that he believes it to be correct & as he has above represented. That he was born in South Carolina but removed to Georgia with an uncle when about 18 or 19. That he never received any written discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence.

He the said George Timmons 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 whatever.

Sworn to and declared the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Timmons

I Boswell Hutchings<sup>2</sup> formerly a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and that present a planter residing in the said County of Dinwiddie do hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with the Declarant George Timmons & have been so from about the close of the revolutionary war that he does not recollect ever to have served in the same tour with him, but that it is generally reputed & believed in the neighborhood in which he resides that he was a revolutionary soldier and that he believes that he was so.

S/ Boswell Hutchings

[Joel Sturtevant gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia and Dinwiddie County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the said County, on this 19th day of June 1833, George Timmons, who being first duly sworn, in addition to his former Declaration hereto appended, deposeth 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, more explicitly than he has already done but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private, in all, not less than eight months, and two weeks, for which service he claims a pension. He states further that he is unable to procure the prescribed certificate of any clergyman in his favor, because none lives in his neighborhood or knows anything on the subject, and he refers to the former Certificate of the court itself as to this fact. From the same defect of memory he is unable to state the names of any other regular officer, will mention any other Continental or militia regiments with which he served, other, or further than he has already done in his declaration, and for evidence of his present neighbors he can only refer to the 3 witnesses whose testimony the court has already taken. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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<sup>1</sup> [Peter Epps S8424](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Boswell Hutchings S5587](#)

Given under my hand the same day and year aforesaid.  
S/ J. E. Hargrave, JP

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I do hereby certify that George Timmons a private under my command in the Virginia militia did serve a tower in the year 1781 at the time this country was invaded by the British, commanded by Phillips and Arnold. Given under my hand this 18th of June in the year 1832.

Test

S/ Peter Epps  
Capt. in the 39<sup>th</sup> Va. Malitia [sic]

Sworn to in open court by Peter Eppes  
S/ J P Crump, COC