

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Edmundson S6813

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State of North Carolina, Halifax County: November Session 1832

On this 20th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful the justices of the Court of Pleas &c now sitting William Edmundson a resident of said County & state aforesaid 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the month of May 1780 & served the first part of his time under Captain William Hert [William Hurt] & the last part under Captain John Petes [probably John Pitts] & Lieutenant Bagby [Davis Bagby] that he marched from Halifax County near the South Carolina line remained there about two months then marched into South Carolina, where he joined the Army he was commanded by General Gates [Horatio Gates] until after his Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1781], then was commanded as he thinks by General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] or Sumner (but is not certain as to the name) that at the time of Gates defeat he was guarding prisoners at Ramsey's Mills, that in this term of service he served five months – entered in May and was discharged in October of the same year, the dates not recollected, at the time of entering the service he lived in Halifax aforesaid where he has remained ever since.

He further states that after the British passed through the Town of Halifax he entered the service a second time he thinks this was about the first of June 1781 & was discharged about the first of September of the same year, that he marched from Halifax aforesaid near Wilmington in said State passed by the Cross Creeks [Cross Creek, modern day Fayetteville] in said State, was commanded a Major Hogg [perhaps a reference to Major Thomas Hogg of the North Carolina Continental line] & Ensign John Walden. That the first mention[ed] term of service he served five months & the second he served three months that in both instances he received written discharges, the first one he thinks he left with Lieutenant Bagby who is dead. The other he brought home but it is lost & that at this time they are both out of his power. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify positively to his service, that he was Drafted in both instances.

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

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ M. H. Pettway, Clk.

S/ Wm Edmundson, X his mark

[standard certificate of reputation for veracity and belief of service given by Miles Smith, clergyman, and Warwick Hockaday, Sr.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]