

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ganey S6880

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State of North Carolina, Sampson County

On this 15 day of August 1833 personally appeared before us James Bennett & John King two of the Justices of the peace & Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for Sampson County North Carolina, William Ganey of the County & State aforesaid aged about 75 years of age 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 Stated. That is that in the spring of the year 1774 as near as he can recollect, he volunteered for a tour of three months, under the Command of Francis Hill Captain & Joab Blackman Lieutenant, that he and the rest of the Volunteers & drafted man was marched to the Town of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina & there encamped in Barracks not far from the Wharf, until their term of Service Expired & were Discharged – that he then returned to his residence in Sampson County – that about 12 months afterwards, he volunteered for another tour of three months Service under the Command of Frances Hill Captain and Joab Blackman Lieutenant & that he and the drafted militia were marched to the Town of Wilmington in this State & there stayed a few days under the Command of Colonel Rutledge that they were then marched across the Cape Fear River opposite to the Town of Wilmington and marched down the South Side of said River to an old mill near Brunswick & there Encamped in tents some time, & then were marched back to the Town of Wilmington & stayed there about three days & nights & then marched about a mile below the Town to a place called the Cool Spring, & there Encamped until their time of Service expired & were discharged. That sometime afterwards the time he does not recollect he volunteered a third time for a tour of three months under the command of Frances Hill Captain & Joab Blackman Lieutenant – that he was marched to the Town of Wilmington – where there was a considerable Army under the command of Colonel Rutledge & General Kenan [James Kenan] – that when the volunteers & drafted militia were all assembled it was ascertained – that there was more soldiers than required – so a draft was ordered to see who might come home -- & he the present applicant was drafted to come home he returned to his residence in Sampson County where he has lived ever since having served in the war of the revolution six months & 12 days, 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 (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid In the presence of

S/ Jno King, JP

S/ William Ganey, X his mark

S/ Jas Bennett, JP

Questions put to the applicant by the Justices of the peace & Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions for Sampson County --

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was Born on Ruffin's mills on Big Contentnea [Creek] Edgecombe County on the 12th of

November 1757

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have it on a slip of paper copied from my father's Bible

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I was living on the East side of Great Coharie in Sampson County North Carolina where William Cox Senior now lives. I came to the place where I now live about 50 years ago, On the West Side of Great Coharie, Sampson County of about 5 miles from where formerly lived

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I was a volunteer three times for three months each time

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – I have no recollection of any regular Officers, that, we were stationed with or served with, neither do I remember any regiments of militia that I never served with except those Commanded by General Kenan in my third tour of Service -- & that was only 12 days that I have but a think recollection of them. I was in no Battles, & chiefly confined to the Town of Wilmington. I know of nothing particular more than I have Stated in my declaration

Question 6th 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 have no recollection of ever getting a written Discharge – I have received Script to draw Rations & receive Pay – But the manner of Discharging was when the time of service expired to call the men into Ranks, & an Officer would tell them that their time of Service had expired & they might return to their respective homes

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer – I believe that Westbrook Lee¹ can certify as to part of my Service, as to the Balance of my time of service, I do not know of any person now living by whom I can prove it – as to my character for veracity I refer to Keder Blackman & Eldridge Thornton, Esqr.

I Westbrook Lee do hereby Certify that I served a tour of three months in the War of the revolution in company with the applicant William Ganey & I have reason to believe that he served as he states.

Sworn to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jno King, JP

S/ Westbrook Lee, X his mark

S/ Jas. Bennett, JP

[Eldridge Thornton & Cader Blackman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Westbrook Lee S7143](#)