

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Palmer S7291

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State of South Carolina Union District: to wit

On this 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions, now sitting for said District, Daniel Palmer, a resident of Union District aged seventy-six 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 7th, 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – "I entered the service in July 1775 [last digit written over and unclear could be 1776 or 1778] in Halifax County Virginia as a volunteer for and in Captain Moody's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Miller in General Muhlenberg's of Brigade – and marched to Richmond thence to Williamsburg, thence to Hamton [Hampton], and thence to Portsmouth where we remained, sometime, and marched to protect the salt works in Nancymond [Nansemond County] and thence returned to Portsmouth, where I was discharged, by Captain Moody.

In a few weeks after my return home I again enlisted for nine months in the company of Captain Walden, in the same Regiment and Brigade, and marched to Petersburg and thence to Cabin Point thence to the Western [?] branch near [?] the Dismal Swamp – thence to the long Bridge where Lord How [?] was killed where we remained [balance of sentence indecipherable] after serving seven months.

In June 1775 I again went into service as a substitute for a Mr. Bullington and marched to Williamsburg and thence to Cabin Point – and thence to the Long branch where we joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dick, and remained there until I was discharged having served three months. In 1781 I again went into the service in Captain Car[??] Company in Colonel Skipper's Regiment and General Lawson's Brigade and served a tour of three months, and was discharged at a place called the old hundred and in a few days after my return I joined the Company of Captain Clark and marched to Petersburg, and thence to Cabin Point, and was there ordered to Smithfield, where we remained until the fall of Lord Cornwallace [Cornwallis] [October 19, 1781], and were finally discharged – all my services with the exception of the tour as a substitute were rendered as an Ensign, which commission I held until the end of the War. –

I have no documentary evidence of my services at this time and know of no person who served with me, except John Wood,¹ whose affidavit is herewith submitted. I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. – In answer to the interrogatories put by the

¹ I did not see this affidavit in this file. There is one document in this file that is so faint that none of it could be discerned. This may be Wood's affidavit.

Court, I answer. 1st & 2nd. I was born on the 24th of August 1756 in Amelia County Virginia – and have the record of my age at home. 3rd. I lived in Halifax County Virginia when I entered the service and have resided in this District forty-four years and upwards. I served as a volunteer on all occasions except the one when I was a substitute. – 5 – See the within Declaration. I had a commission signed by Colonel Dick, which I burnt with all my other War Papers many years ago. 6. I refer to the Reverend Elias Mitchell and Major Young to prove my character for truth and moral deportment.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Daniel Palmer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Palmer". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.

[Elias Mitchell, a clergyman, and Thomas Young gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Union District: Personally came Daniel Palmer before me and deposed as follows: in order to explain & make more explicit his application for a pension under the act of June 7th, 1832 – and saith I entered the Service in July 1775 in Halifax County Virginia as a Volunteer under Captain Moody & served as set out in my declaration nine months, I again enlisted for nine months in Captain Walden's Company & served as set out in my declaration seven months & was discharged – I again joined the service as a substitute either in November or December 1776 – and not in June as stated in my declaration & served a Tour of three months – I again went into the Service I think 1781 – (but at the same time cannot believe I was out of the service from 1777 to 1781 – but cannot recollect distinctly) – and served another tour of duty under Captain Car of three months – and was discharged at the old Hundred – In a few days I again joined Captain Clark's Company and served another Tour of duty of three months and was discharged after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at little York – all my services was rendered as an Ensign except the Tour as a Substitute – This deponent further saith that he is certain that he served twenty-five months and believes much more.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th of June 1833 –

S/ James Rowntree JP

S/ Daniel Palmer

South Carolina Union District: Daniel Palmer deposed as follows in order to explain the two nine months Tours of duty as alleged in his declaration Saith that the first Tour of nine months was served as a minute man before the declaration of War under Captain Moody, at that time was a volunteer. Then on my return home I immediately joined Captain Cobb & served a tour of three months and after marching to Hampton at which time Norfolk was in flames & from Hampton marched to Portsmouth, then to the salt works then back to Portsmouth and there was discharged and on my way home I joined Captain Walden in the place of Ensign Killy [sic, Kelly?] and Served under Walden in that capacity as set out, and when that Tour of duty was out of three months, I then joined Captain Thomson immediately for another Tour but served only about six or eight weeks, this making the Term of seven months spoken of as enlistment but was served in this manner.

I again served under Captain Cob is and from substitute in the place of Bullington – a Tour of three months & was discharged at old Hundred & again in a few days I joined under Captain Clark & served another Tour of three months & was discharged at Hanover Court House

after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis – all the above Services was performed as Ensign except
the Tour as a substitute

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 14th April 1834

S/ J. J. Pratt, Q. U.

S/ Daniel Palmer