

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Vermillion S7790

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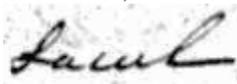
[Ancestry Image 440]

State of North Carolina

Macon County } On this ^{11th April 1833} personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said County now Sitting Samuel Vermillion a resident of the aforesaid State and county, aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress past June the 7th, 1832 he the said Vermillion Entered the Service of the United States under the following Officers and Served as herein Stated. Enlisted under Captain Stone in Colonel Smallwood[’s William Smallwood’s] Regiment in the State of Maryland in the first Maryland Regiment in the month of February AD 1776, and served as a Continental regular from that date to the eight Day of January 1776 in which term of time he was at the battle at Long island¹ and under the command of General Starling and immediately under the command of Capt. John H Stone and from said battle onward across King’s Bridge to the battle at White plains² which battle was commanded by Gen. McCougale [Alexander McDougall] and Col. William Smallwood Major Ma^zdia Gess [sic Mordecai Gist] Capt. John H Stone which battle was fought in the month of October and year 1776 and from thence he was marched to Morris Town in the State of Jerseys [New Jersey], and Sometime in the month of November was taken Sick and carried to the hospital and from thence was taken to the State of Pennsylvania to a Town by the name of – Bethlehem and from there was taken to the Town of Philadelphia and at that place received a pass from Lieut. Lamb to Annapolis in Maryland and there received a furlough from Gen. Smallwood to go home and to stay at home till the time would be made known by the publick papers to repair to head quarters and was taken with the smallpox and after getting well Started to Join head quarters and finding himself weak and not able to travel to head quarters by land went on board a [undeciphered word]³ trading vessel as a passenger to go to head quarters at Philadelphia and on his way there was taken prisoner by a British Vessel and was kept as Such one year and eight months confined in the Vessel all that term of time and was taken by water round to Savannah in the State of

¹ August 27, 1776

² October 28, 1776

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Georgia and between that place and Purysburg made his escape from the vessel in the month of April 1779 and then Joined Col. James kinson [James Kenan] in Duplin County in the State of No. Carolina and was put under Capt. John Moulton as a militia man and was at a Scrimmage at Bluford's Bridge⁴ on the East Fork of Cape fear River in New Hanover County the whole term of that tower [tour] three months this Service was in the year 1781 then was under Captain Mikle kinson [Michael Johnson Kenan] a two months Tower and was at the battle at the rock fish bridge⁵ in Duplin County No. Carolina – then was under Captain James Gelaspy [James Gillespie's] a three months Tower at Wilmington Town No. Carolina from there was Sent to Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina and there Joined the Maryland Regiment under Capt. Winchester Commanded by Col. Stuart General Guesses brigade and from that time Served until the end of the war and peace was made in the year 1783 and did not receive any written discharge⁶

was born in Charles County Maryland on the 6 April in the year 1755 agreeable to a record received from his Father

lived in the State of Maryland when called into Service and Since the war he generally lived in North Carolina

I was enlisted into the Service of the United States

I do hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year above mentioned

Samuel Vermillion, X his mark

[Image 445: certificate dated October 29, 1838 from the Treasury Department indicating the payment of the final \$80 do the veteran to “children [not named] of Samuel Vermillion deceased.”]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in both the Maryland Continental line and the North Carolina militia.]

⁴ January 30, 1781, Battle of Heron's Bridge.

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_herons_bridge.html

JD Lewis notes: “The bridge was a recently constructed "swing bridge" that was built by a man named Mr. Buford in the early 1770s. But, by the late 1770s, it had been purchased by a Mr. Heron and everyone in the vicinity knew it as Heron's Bridge - primarily because he strengthened it considerably and made it much more reliable. But, the "old timers" still called it Buford's Bridge.”

⁵ May 13, 1781 Battle of Legat's Bridge a/k/a Rockfish Creek

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⁶ Here the veteran begins to answer the 7 interrogatories promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a pension. Those 7 interrogatories were as follows:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

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.