

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Westray [Wester] S7851 fn14NC
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State of North Carolina Franklin County

On this 13th day of June A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, Daniel Wester [sic], a resident of the County of Franklin and State of North Carolina aged about eighty 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 was born in the County of Isle of Wight & State of Virginia about the year 1753, but he is not certain about the precise date, nor is the day or month now recollected, as the record of his age which he wants head in his possession heads not been seen for many years, and cannot now be found. That when he was about twenty-two years of age he removed from Virginia and settled in what was then the County of Bute and State of North Carolina, near the same place where he has resided ever since the Revolutionary War and where he now resides, & in that portion of the County of Bute, which now forms Franklin County, and in which County was living when called into service. That he entered the service as a substitute for William Vinson in a company raised for a nine months tour -- that he does not recollect the date of his entry into service, but remembers that while he was out into service; the County of Bute was divided, and that the battle of Briar's Creek¹ took place, which events he is informed took place early in the year 1779. He entered the service the preceding summer and was marched down from his own County and stationed near Halifax town on the Roanoke River -- and after remaining there several weeks the men were informed that if they would lose the time they had already served, they should all have furloughs to go home, and should not be called out again until the next spring -- This arrangement was accordingly made and the men all went home, but not very long afterwards they were required to rendezvous at Halifax and were marched off to the South. They passed through Tarborough in Edgefield County, and Kingston [sic, Kinston] in Lenoir County and thence into South Carolina through which they were marched down to Purisburg [Purrysburg] where they were stationed some time. While marching on to the South the North Carolina militia overtook them near Kingston aforesaid and went on with them until they all reached a fork of the road near a place in South Carolina called the White House. The Militia under General Ashe [John Ashe] to the upper road and went over into Georgia where they were

¹ Brier Creek. March 3, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

defeated by the British at Briar's Creek after which some of the stragglers of the defeated Americans came to the camp where this applicant was stationed at Purrysburg. Sometime after the defeat at Briar's Creek, the troops stationed at Purrysburg were marched up to Augusta and crossed over into Georgia, where they remained but a short time, when they were brought back into South Carolina, in which State they were marched back and forth to different places watching the movements of the enemy. While engaged in this service the battle of Stono was fought, but this applicant being sick at the time, was not in it. After this battle the troops continued to be marched about until the term of their service expired, when this applicant, with some others, was discharged at a little place called Moncks Corner. The discharge was in writing, but by what officer it was given or what has become of it, this applicant does not now recollect. He does not recollect the names of the Regiment to which he belonged but is informed it was the 10th in the Continental service. His memory has also almost totally failed him, as to the names of the officers under whom he served. He thinks that when his Company was first formed, it was commanded by Captain Robert Temples, and besides him, he recollects no other officer of either a high or low grade except General Sumner. He served for nine months & more as he thinks, but he claims a pension only for nine months. He knows of but one person living by whom his actual service can be proved, to wit, Tilmon Patterson,² whose affidavit will be here with transmitted. He expects that the Reverend William Arundell a clergyman and James Collins and Moses Joiner can certify as to his character or will as to his reputation services in the War of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Daniel Westray, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S. Patterson [Smith Patterson], Clerk

[William Arundell, a clergyman, James Collins and Moses Joiner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This day Tilmon Patterson came before me and made oath that Daniel Wester served 9 months in the Continental service of the revolutionary war in the 10th Regiment sworn and subscribed to this 12th day of June 1833 before me

S/ Tilmon Patterson

Test: S/ J.H. Dent, JP

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify it appears from a distance of allowances made by Board of Commissioners for said Lang the accounts of the officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State that Daniel Wester was allowed the sum of forty-one pounds fifteen shillings and one penny (£41.15.1) for his services in said line.

Given under my hand this 4th November 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]

² [Tilmon Patterson S41942](#)