

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Lemonds S8832

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: On this 21st day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court now sitting Robert Lemonds a resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford & State of North Carolina aged seventy-two 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 the 7th of June, 1832.

I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers as herein stated on the 15th of May 1780. I was living in Guilford County in North Carolina at the time I first entered the service. I volunteered myself under Captain Abram Philips. I was called out for a three months tower [tour] in Colonel Martin's Regiment. I met the Regiment at Guilford Court House where we joined a Regiment of Continental Troops commanded by Colonel Davis or Davidson where we remained for the space of two weeks or more, then marched to Salisbury where we met General Rutherford. We stayed there for the space of two weeks then was ordered out upon a tower [tour] after a Regiment of Tories commanded by Colonel Bryant and then returned back to Salisbury where we remained for some time. Was then marched for South Carolina to meet General Gates' Army, but before we met with them I was taken sick, and received a furlough from Captain Philips with orders to follow the Army, if I recovered but I did not recover until my time had expired, and Gates was defeated. This was my first tour which was about two months & a half.

I was called upon in a second tour under Captain Philips in Colonel Martin's Regiment sometime in February 1781. Joined a part of the Regiment at the Iron works on Troublesome [Creek], marched from there to a place called Dunn [? could be Dune or David] Bridge -- there met & joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army, marched from there to Boyd's ferry on Roan oak [sic, Roanoke] River from there to Halifax old Court-House Virginia, there remained some time, then back to Guilford Court House some few days before the engagement but was not in it being some distance in the rear upon duty. This was my 2nd tour, was dismissed but not discharged -- August about the 15th 1781. This tour [was] one month.

I was called upon on a 3rd tour under the same officers Colonel Martin & Captain Philips, met the Regiment at Dilling's Mill. There remained some time, marched from there through Randolph County to a place called Wadle's farm on Cape Fear River marched from there to a place called the Brown Mash [sic, Brown Marsh] where we joined General Butler's command,

and from there close by Wilmington where we remained harassing the Tories until peace was proclaimed and was then discharged which was on the 30th of November 1781 -- the only discharge I ever received.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the and I declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatsoever -- and for which services a [sic, I] claim a pension.

Interrogatories by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in the year 1760

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

In my Bible at home

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

In Guilford County NC. From there I moved to Rutherford County where I now live.

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

I was a volunteer at all the times I served 3 tours 2 months & a half the first tour one month the second; 3 months & a half the third

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.

I served all my tours under the command of Captain Philips and Colonel Martin on the PE Dee River South Carolina we first met with General Gates & the cattle who marched us to Rugeley's Mills where I was taken sick. In my next tour I joined General Greene's Army at Guilford Courthouse who marched us on to Boyd's ferry Roanoke Virginia and back to Guilford where we staid till after the Battle of Guilford

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

I only received one written discharge it was delivered to me by Captain Abram Philips by order of Colonel Martin after the last tour I served. It was given to me near Wilmington North Carolina. It has long been misplaced.

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.

Ans: There is no person in my present neighborhood who can testify of my services in the Revolution, nor do I know of any person in this Country who can -- But of my character I would mention Reverend John Pagget & James Dobbins

Test: S/ T. F. Birchett, Clk

S/ Robert Lemonds

[John Padgett, a clergyman, and James Dobbins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County Robert Lemons who being first duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service nor to the precise dates but according to the best of his recollection not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following dates and grades and for which service he claims a pension

	Months	&	Weeks
1780. I volunteered under Captain Abram Philips in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Martin and served	2		2
1781. Volunteered and served under the same Officers	1		00
1781 Volunteered in served under the same officers Joined the Main Army under General Butler at the Brown Marsh, marched to the Raft Swamp then near Wilmington near the Brick house where we were stationed until we were discharged I am not able to name any of the the officers but those mentioned above to wit Captain Philips, Colonel Martin and General Butler those all the officers that I served under			
	<u>3 months</u>		<u>00</u>
	6		2

the month or.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of December 1833

S/ Robert Lemonds

S/ Martin Beam, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 6 months and 14 days service in the revolution.]