

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Josiah Marcum S8999

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State of Kentucky }
Lawrence County Sct }

On this 2nd day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before Silas W. Robbins, judge of the Lawrence Circuit Court now sitting, Josiah Marcum of said County & State aged 73 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 7th June 1832. That he was born on the 2nd day of May 1759 as he was always informed, but never saw any record of his age, in Chesterfield County, Virginia but removed to the County of Prince Edward when only four or five years old. He afterwards when young removed to Bedford County in the State of Virginia and volunteered in the spring immediately preceding the defeat of Gen'l. Gates [defeat of Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] - he does not remember the exact date — He volunteered in the Virginia State Troops under Capt. Tate - his christian name he thinks was Matt or Nat. [Nathaniel Tate] his Lieutenant's name was Goggins, he thinks his given name was Stephen [Stephen Goggin] — The Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Col. Campbell - his given name not recollected [probably Lt. Col. Richard Campbell] - he entered the service for 18 months and served out the whole time and was discharged in Hillsborough Court House in North Carolina. From Bedford when he enlisted, he was marched into North Carolina and was in Gates's defeat or rather driving a baggage waggon in the vicinity of the battle which was but a short time after he entered the service. He was under Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] who was under Gen'l. Gates — After the defeat of Gates he was marched to Hillsborough where head quarters were for a portion of the army, and spent the winter there and on scouting parties. He was still under Gen'l. Stephens who commanded the Eighteen months men and he was put under Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] or was driving a baggage waggon near there - Greene having succeeded Gates in the command of the Southern army. He was discharged in the fall of the year for he remembers after his discharge, on his way home, the fruit in the orchards was ripe and many persons refused to let soldiers have any. He was discharged at Hillsborough N. Carolina. His discharge was signed by his Captain, but he had it washed up in his pocket about 20 or 25 years ago. One David Layer commanded a regular company and Capt. Newel [probably Newell] commanded another. He knew Col. Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford] & Gen'l. [John] Butler & many other officers. He further states that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove the whole of his service whose testimony he can procure - but Silas W. Outen, Edward Burgess and David Adkins knows of his having been in the service. He was a drummer a part of the time he was in service.

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. Sworn to and subscribed this day & year aforesaid. Josiah hisXmark Marcum

I David Adkins do hereby declare that I saw Josiah Marcum, the above petitioner, beating the drum in one of the Companies stationed at Hillsborough just before the defeat of Gen'l. Gates. I was a fifer and we were marched out with a portion of the army together, but after we marched from Hillsborough I did not see him again to my recollection.

Sworn to & Subscribed this 2nd Nov. 1832 David hisXmark Adkins

Stephen Marcum states that he has seen the discharge which his father received when he left the revolutionary war. It was about 35 years ago that he saw the discharge and remembers well that the discharge stated that his father had served out the term of Eighteen months. He with another individual examined the papers of his father for a bill of sale of a negro woman and found the discharge and they had some conversation in relation to the revolutionary war and the old man then and at other times told many anecdotes of things that took place whilst he was a

soldier.

[signed] Stephen Marcum

The amendatory petition or Declaration of Josiah Marcum to his original petition or Declaration made on the 2nd of november 1832 before the Lawrence Circuit Court. He states that he enlisted instead of volunteered as stated in his first declaration and considered the terms volunteered as synonymous with enlisted. That Edward Burgess was the Serjeant who enlisted him in Bedford County Virginia in the spring of the year, he thinks in March or April - the year he cannot state but it was before Gates was defeated at Camden. He went into service as a Drummer and continued a Drummer only a few weeks, for he was marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina directly after his enlistment and after his arrival there, there being many better drummers than himself, in a few days, he went into the ranks as a private and therefore only claims as a private. In his former Declaration he stated that he drove the baggage waggon - he will now state more precisely - He was always mustered in the service as a soldier, but was frequently with others detached to guard the baggage waggons, and, being an excellent hand to drive the waggon, he was frequently ordered to drive the waggon. At the battle of Camden, he would correct his former statement in this particular - he was guarding the baggage waggons or driving one - for he sometimes in the same day would be acting as a guard and occasionally as driver and the driver take his station as guard. This was also his situation at the battle of Guilford. This he knows well and therefore positively states that he did enlist for 18 months as a private and served out his time & was honorably discharged. The number of days that he ever drove a baggage waggon all put together could not exceed Thirty. He states that after going out, he continued in service for the full term of Eighteen months, and never left the service until finally discharged at Hillsborough, the second fall, after his enlistment.

[6 Nov 1833] Josiah hisXmark Marcum

He states that a part of his service whilst in the army was under Capt Edmonson he thinks his given name was Richard [possibly Richard Edmondson].

Edward Burgess states that Josiah Marcum an applicant for a pension, was enlisted by him as a Sarjeant, either in the year 1778 or '79 - however it was in the same year that Gates was defeated at Camden. It was in the Spring of the year and entered service for Eighteen months as continental troops. He knows that said Marcum went out under Capt. Nat. Tate and served out his full term of 18 months. Marcum acted as Drummer only a few days and until we joined the main army - then he acted as a private Soldier. He was in Gates's defeat at Camden & was discharged after the expiration of said enlistment at Hillsborough in North Carolina. Marcum was enlisted by this affiant in Bedford County Virginia. We were under the immediate command of Gen'l Stephens - this affiant was not always with the Army but was sent off sometimes to enlist more soldiers - he always saw Marcum in the army whenever he brought in new recruits. He has known him since he was a boy. This affiant has been on the pension roll [application S35806] for six or seven years and the reason he understands why Marcum was not on the roll was because he was worth too much [to apply under the act of 1818].

[6 Nov 1833] Edward hisXmark Burgess