

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Candler S9159

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State of Virginia } to Wit
County of Campbell }

On this eighth day October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Cock, Adam Clement, Alexander Austin, Thomas Rudd and Nathan H. Hancock the Court of the said County now sitting, William Candler, a resident of the said County of Campbell, and State of Virginia, aged 80 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:

That in the year 1780 he was a resident of the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia, (where he was born in the year 1751) and that he was drafted to enter the army, that he employed a substitute by the name of Job Ross. That early in the following year, to wit, 1781, he, the said William Candler volunteered, and marched into the State of North Carolina, to Guildford; that he was in this volunteer service two months under Colonel Charles Lynch, Major John Callaway, and Captain [Jacob] Moon, which latter officer was killed at Guildford [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781].

That in consequence of ill health he the said William Candler was obliged to return home. This was before the battle of Guildford Court House Immediately on his return home, he the said William Candler was again drafted for a six months tour, and marched to York Town in Virginia under Colonel William Callaway, and Captain [John] Trigg – after getting to Yorktown he was transfered to the line under Colonel Gascoyne [sic: Thomas Gaskins], Major [John] Poulson, and Captain Overton. This tour being for six months he the said William Candler served out, and obtained his regular discharge from Major Poulson; making in all eight months service; his time having expired before the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]; although he did not leave the Army until after that surrender, which he was at, and worked harder in the trenches at Yorktown than he ever did any where else, during the same length of time, in his life. That he has lost his discharges and that he further declares that he has no documentary evidence in his possession nor does he know of any person living whose testimony he could procure to prove his service, excepting Colonel Henry Brown [pension application S8098], the present High Sheriff of Bedford, whose affidavit he begs leave to submit herewith subjoined.

That 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 whatever.

[signed] William Candler

Question by the Court. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Bedford County Va. In the year 1751

Question by the Court 2 Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. The record of my age is in the possession of David Candler of Candler of Campbell county

Question by the Court 3. Where were you living, when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in the county of Bedford when called in service. since I have resided in the counties of Bedford & Campbell and I now live in the county of Campbell

Question by the Court 4. How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer; or were you a substitute?

Answer. I entered the service as a volunteer & marched to Guilford in N.C. and afterwards was drafted.

Question by the Court 5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops

where you served; such Continental and Malitia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. our General officers were Gen'ls Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and [Robert] Lawson. Col. Lynch Majr. Callaway, and my captain at that time, was Jacob Moon. Colo. Brown of Bedford and Henry Adams and William Muliskin[?] of the Militia; Gaskins, Maj'r. Poulsen Capt Thomas Overton, of the regular service.

Question by the court Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it.

Answer I received my discharge from Maj'r. Poulson in Cumberland County, which has been lost.

Question by the Court 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your service as a Revolutionary Soldier?

Answer. Henry Brown, Abner Early, Meredith Lambeth and William Clement

[signed] William Candler