

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Elijah Lassiter S9369

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Johnston County } February Term 1834

On this day the 25th of February 1834 Elijah Lassiter a soldier of the Revolution born 9th of August 1762 aged 71 years makes this appearance in open Court the Justices of said Court being present and deposes to the following facts in order to entitle himself to the benefit of the Pension act of 1832 —

That he is at present a resident of the County of Johnston & has been so for nearly fifty years, having removed to this County from Northhampton [sic: Northampton] County N. Carolina where he was born - that he has a record of his age now in his possession. that in the year 1778 or 1779 [sic: probably 1780] when he was in his sixteenth or seventeenth year he was rendezvoused at Wingfield Courthouse as it is called [possibly Enfield Courthouse in Halifax County] on the 8th day of June 1778 or 1779 where he joined the Regiment under the command of General [Richard] Caswell - that a Captain Paterson had the command of his company - that the term for which he was drafted was 3 months - & that he faithfully served through this term — that he with his company & the Regiment commanded by General Caswell who went along in person, marched from the place of Rendezvous to Smithfield Johnston County where they remained for a week or ten days. They then marched across the Cape Fear River above what is now the Town of Fayetteville - crossed the Yadkin at the Shallow Ford, then down the Pedee River [sic: Pee Dee River] in the State of South Carolina to Colson's Ferry near which place an engagement took place [sic: Battle of Camden about 6 mi N of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] between the American & British forces. That here the American army was commanded by Gen [Horatio] Gates & defeated. At the Ferry this Deponent was taken seriously ill & was confined by sickness to his bed for five weeks & five days. That after his recovery so as to be able to travel he returned home. That he returned home in September and that he well recollects having received a paper from some of the officers, but who he has forgotten for he is an illiterate man, certifying his having served 3 months. He was not however in the engagement where Gen. Gates was defeated, in consequence of his serious illness - but he heard the report of the guns when in his bed —

He remained at home for nearly two years. He was again drafted for another 3 months servise - that his company met at the Town of Halifax on the 1st Day of July in either 1780 [sic] or 1781 - where Joel Sherwood took command as Captain of the Company & Elijah Dougherty was Lieutenant - several other companies met at the same place & time & they as well as his own company were commanded by Major [Thomas] Hogg. That they marched from Halifax to Smithfield - then to Cross Creek which is now the Town of Fayetteville - then by Duplin Court House down to the Town of Wilmington. that they remained about a fortnight or three weeks at Cross Creek for the purpose of giving check to the Tories, who were then & had been previously committing great depredations upon the private property of the Inhabitants. Their object in marching to Wilmington was to meet the British army at that place - but just before they reached that place the British took shipping [18 Nov 1781]. That they remained at Wilmington untill they received intelligence of the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct] - when this Deponent & his company - with a few others marched back to Tarborough [sic: Tarboro] - when he with his company received a discharge — That this last tour was for 3 months - his term of servise for his country embracing altogether a period of 6 months.

He makes oath, that he has never received a pension for this service either from the State Government or the U States Government

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