

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Valentine S9502

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State of Virginia King William County to wit

On this 26 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of King William now sitting, David Valentine Sen: a resident of the County aforesaid aged 70 years the 15th of April last 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 15th of April 1762 in the County of King William of which he is now and ever has been a resident, he entered the service of the United States in the year of 1779 or 1780 not positive as to the year but it was in the month of October of one of those years. That he was drafted for this tour [indecipherable word or symbol] all the other tours that he served in the Militia from this County of King William State of Virginia – he marched from the County under Captain Robert Drewry and Lieutenant Wm Dabney [William Dabney] directly down to Williamsburg where Captain Drewry's company was stationed at the Governor's Palace 4 or 5 weeks. He recollects Colonel Ennis [probably James Innes] the commander of the Regiment to which he belonged. He was marched from Williamsburg through York Town thence to Rich Nick – thence to Warwick [?] Courthouse (only Captain Drewry's Company) where he staid about 10 or 15 days, thence back to Williamsburg where the arms were delivered up and the men discharged. He was out in all, this tour, from 6 to 8 weeks. – 2nd That he was called out for a second Tour in January 1781 under Captain Mordecai Booth and Lieutenant Mordecai Abrahams. The whole of the Militia in this part of the State was called out on this occasion to repel Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] Invasion as it was then called the time that the enemy came up James River and landed he thinks at Westover and went to Richmond and destroyed the armory at Westham above Richmond, he was marched from home directly to Holls Forge [probably Holt's Forge] in New Kent County near the Chickahominy River. Colonel Holt Richeson [Holt Richardson] commanded his Regiment – he was marched from Holls Forge up to Bacon's Ordinary where he staid a few days and was then marched down to Williamsburg where the Regiment were stationed in the Barracks for some time when the Company to which he belonged was discharged. He was out in all this Tour 4 or 5 weeks. 3rd He was drafted a third time under Captain John Quarles and Lieutenant William Boswell – he was marched directly to 4 mile Creek in Henrico County a few miles below Richmond where he joined the Army and his company relieved the Company that was stationed there from King William. Here Captain Quarles returned home and Captain Kennedy took command of the company Colonel Charles Dabney from Hanover County commanded the Regiment and Major Campbell also belonged to the Regiment he marched from 4 mile Creek within 2 miles of Richmond a company of men were drafted from the Regiment under the command of Captain Phillips of which he (Valentine) was one to go down to Morborne Hills [Malvern Hills] as a reinforcement to the Light Infantry

that was stationed at that place under the command of Major Boyce. The Cavalry at that place was commanded by Colonel Call in a few days after we arrived at M. Hills the Enemy crossed over James River from the South side, under Cornwallis and landed at Westover. Our men retreated from M. Hills in the night to 4 mile Creek and from thence into the County of Hanover across the New Bridges and halted at Captain Macon's Land where our Captain (Philips) was arrested by Major Boyce who was remarkable for his severity and cruelty and for arresting Officers under his command. Thence marched to a place called Strong Run thence to the County of Louisa thence to Orange, thence across the Rapidan River at the Raccoon ford to Culpepper – General Wayne with his Brigade joined us in Culpepper or Albemarle. Cornwallis began to retreat down the country and our Army followed on when it passed New Kent Court house our relief Company arrived and our company was discharged near Williamsburg: he was out he thinks on this Tour not less than two months. 4th: he was called out a fourth time under Captain Mordecai Booth & Lieutenant Mordecai Abraham. The Militia generally was called out on this occasion to the siege of York. He marched from home about the first of September 1781 crossed the Mattapony [Mattaponi] River at Dunkirk into King and Queen County thence to Gloucester County where we were stationed for some time at several places and ultimately were marched down to Seawells Old field adjoining Gloucester County opposite Yorktown where he remained during the whole siege until the surrender of Cornwallis; a few days after which event, say about the 22nd October 1781, he was discharged. Colonel Campbell commanded the Regiment. He was out in all this tour of duty nearly two months, he the said Valentine never volunteered or served as a substitute. General Weedon commanded the American Army on the Gloucester side at the Siege of York. He is acquainted with John Roane lately a member of Congress from this district. J. J. Roane the recent member, Philip Acfeffell [?], J. C. Pollard &c &c in his County and neighborhood who he is satisfied would testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He never received any written discharge. He recollects to have seen Marquis Lafayette frequently during the third Tour also Colonel Mathews' Regiment which adjoined the Regiment to which he belonged. 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 the day and year aforesaid

S/ David Valentine

David Valentine

[Dudley Atkinson & John Taliaferro gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]