

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Valandingham [Vallandingham] S9505

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State of South Carolina, Lancaster District

On this the 14th day of November 1832 personally appeared in Court before William D. Martin Judge of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas, now sitting, William Valandingham, a resident of said state and District, aged seventy-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth 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 viz. Colonel Thomas Eaton & Captain John Cokely about the year 1778 or 1779 & served two tours of duty. That he was drafted in Warren County North Carolina & served nine months – that he was marched from under the orders of General Green [Nathanael Greene] from Ramsay's Mill in North Carolina to South Carolina & was present at the destruction of Mott's Fort [sic, Fort Motte, May 7, 1781] on the Congaree River in said State. That he also marched to Augusta and was present at the taking of Brown's Fort [Siege of Augusta, May 22-June 6, 1781] at the latter place – that he knew Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of the Cavalry-- and Colonel Reid who served also under General Greene and that he has no written evidence in his possession to establish the foregoing facts except the affidavits hereunto annexed.¹ He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension roll of the agency of any State.

To the Interrogatories propounded he answers as follows:

Answer 1st was born in Fairfax County State of Virginia about the year 1754

Answer 2-- Has no record of his age

Answer 3. Was living in Warren County North Carolina when called into service – about 40 years of go removed to Lancaster District South Carolina & has resided there ever since

Answer 4. The first tour, he was drafted the second time he went as a volunteer

Answer 5. He names Henry Lee (General) Colonel Reid – Colonel Washington [William Washington] – his service was one of much hazard & difficulty.

Answer 6. He received a discharge from the service – it was given by Captain John Cokely & has since been lost.

Answer 7. He names the Reverend James Ferguson, Hiram Twitty, persons who can testify as to his character and the belief of his services in the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed November 14th, 1832

S/ Wm Valindington [sic], X his mark

[Jackey Perry, Hiram Twitty & James Furgason, a clergyman, give the standard certification of reputation for veracity, age and belief in the neighborhood of revolutionary war services of the applicant.]

¹ This file does not contain any supporting affidavits other than the standard supporting affidavit as noted.

S/ John Adams, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]