

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Alexander Hamilton S9556

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Virginia }
Augusta County } SS.

On this 29th day of August 1833 personally appeared before John C Sowers, John Sproul, John McCue, and William Going the Justices of Augusta County Court now sitting Alexander Hamilton a resident of Augusta County & State of Virginia aged about 74 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he was born in the said County of Augusta on the [blank] day of Septem'r 1759 as he has allways understood & believes, that there is no register of his age that he knows of, that he has continued to reside in said County of Augusta from his birth, and still resides in said County, that as one of the Malitia of Augusta County, he was drafted into the service of the United States, and served as follows. He was drafted to go on a tour of duty to protect the inhabitants of the Western frontiers of Virginia from the depredations and murders of the Indians; he rendevouzed at Staunton in the County of Augusta & marched from thence under the command and in the company of Capt James Trimble, as a private, through Tagert's valley [sic: Tygart Valley] in Virginia, to Fort Buchanan on the West Fork of the Monongalia [sic: Monongahela] river, while he was stationed at this said fort he was out on several scouting parties, but was in no battle. he is unable by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory to swear positively to the year in which this service was performed but believes it was in the year 1778. he rendevouzed at Staunton on or about the 1st day of May and was discharged early in the month of July of the same year, and according to the best of his recollection he served for a period not less than two months as a private in Capt. James Trimble, that he received no written discharge, and he knows of no one now liveing by whom he can prove this tour of duty, unless it be Maj Jos Bell [pension application S6608] of Augusta County whose testimoney he will make an effort to procure.

His next tour of duty was as one of the Militia of Augusta County, he was drafted to go to the protection again of the Western frontier of Virginia against the murders & depredations of the Indians, he rendevouzed on this occasion early in the spring of 1780 at Jennings Gap in the County of Augusta and marched from thence as a private in Capt John McKitricks [John McKittrick's] company by the Warm Springs (now in Bath County) to Fort Dinwiddie (now in [blank] County) [sic: Fort Dinwiddie at present Stewartstown in Monongalia County WV] where he remained for a short term, from Fort Dinwiddie he marched to Fort Warwick (in the County of [blank; now in Randolph County WV]) where he remained stationed for the ballance of his tour, going out occasionally on scouting parties, but he was engaged in no battle. he served he is confident on this occasion a full tour of duty of three months, he knows of no one now liveing who accompanied him on this tour of duty, but hopes to introduce some evidence of general charater proving his services. He received no written discharge.

His third and last service in the War of the revolution was as one of the drafted malitia of Augusta. he rendivouzed at Waynesborough [sic: Waynesboro] in Augusta County in the latter part of May 1781 and marched from thence under the command of of Capt Patrick Buchanan as a private. Col Thos Hughart [sic: Thomas Hugart] had command of the troops that marched from Waynesborough to the City of Richmond, from Richmond the company of Capt Buchanan with others marched to near Williamsburg and on the 26th June 1781 this declarant was in the battle of Hot-Water [also known as Spencer's Ordinary, 6 mi NW of Williamsburg], in that battle this declarant had a Brother James Hamilton [pension application S25128] who was severely wounded, the said James Hamilton was sent to a Hospital in New Kent County, and this declarant was ordered to go with and attend upon his Brother whose wounds were considered dangerous, he did accompany his Brother and remained with him untill his term of service expired, when he was discharged and his place as a [illegible word] was taken by another Brother John Hamilton who was in the service, this declarant recollects that Col or Maj Jack Willis had

command of the troops on the day of the battle of Hot Water. he remembers also a Col Butler being in command. both these officers belonged to the regulars. He received no written discharge, nor is he able to state from the loss of memory the precise time which he served on this occasion, but he is satisfied he served as a private on this tour at least three months, and for which he claims a pension. He expects to be able to prove this tour of duty by Maj Wm Willson [pension application S6393] of Augusta County.

He would refer to William Willson, & Wm. Brown as persons residing in his neighbourhood for testimony as to his character and their belief of his services in the war of the revolution.

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 & year aforesaid. [signed] Alexander Hamilton