

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ephraim Pool W1475

Lucretia Pool

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State of Tennessee Montgomery County } SS

On this 23rd day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court now sitting in the Town of Clarksville, Ephraim Pool aged 76 years a resident of said County and State, 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, and served as herein stated.

1st As a volunteer under Colonel Mat. Singleton [Matthew Singleton] for the term of three months which time he served. His Captain was Jno. Singleton [John Singleton] son of the Colonel. Joseph Singleton was first Lieutenant -- other Company officers, not recollected. He was in no engagement during this period; but his company took Colonel Fletche but l [Thomas Fletchall] and Captains Cunningham [probably Patrick Cunningham] and Soover [perhaps an attempt to identify Captain George Zuber], three Tory officers, whom he assisted in taking under guard to Charlestown.¹ When he entered the service he resided in Cambden [sic, Camden] district, South Carolina, 20 miles below Camden, on the high hills of Santee; and marched into the Country above Camden, the principal object being to keep the Tories in subjection.

2nd He enlisted in the Army of the United States with Captain Rizbo² [sic, Henry Richbourg], and served in the 2nd Regiment of Riflemen, Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was Colonel; Henry Rizbo, Captain; William Rizbo [William Richbourg], first Lieutenant; and John Rizbo [John Richbourg]³ 2nd Lieutenant -- (all 3 brothers). He enlisted for eighteen months, which time he served -- still resided at the same place as aforesaid. He was at Sullivan's Island when the British fleet attacked that place [June 28, 1776];⁴ and was also in a battle with the Indians in the Cherokee nation, on a creek then called Crooked Creek. General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] was our principal commander. He was acquainted with Colonel Wade Hampton, then in service; also with his three brothers, Richard, John and William; one of whom was a Captain, and the other two lieutenants -- he had a discharge from Colonel Sumter, but lost

¹ The three Tories named by the veteran are known to have been taken in what is called the Snow Campaign in late December 1775. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² Jill Hastings-Johnson, Director of the Montgomery County (TN) Archives has very thoughtfully suggested (and I subscribe to her suggestion) that the officer to whom the veteran was referring was Captain Henry Richbourg.

³ [John Richbourg S18175](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html)

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

it, as he supposes, in the burning of his house in Georgia, or in moving to this Country.

3rd He was drafted soon after his term of enlistment in the regular Army expired, and served as called upon in his regular order, until near the close of the war -- was stationed at Augusta -- General Williamson principal commander and Mat. Singleton, Colonel. He was in a battle on Spirit Creek [in Georgia below Augusta] with the Tories under Colonel Hal Sharp, and Major Spurgin, both of whom were killed. He does not remember who commanded in this battle; but he had in the morning, then detached from Colonel Twiggs [John Twiggs of Georgia], who again joined them in the evening after the battle. Still resided at the same place. He is altogether illiterate and cannot recollect dates so far back as the period of the Revolution; consequently cannot even state with any degree of accuracy, what time or year he at any time joined or quit the Army. He can neither state accurately the whole length of time he served; but he can say with confidence, that he served upwards of two years; for he left of his service but a few days before the defeat of General Gates [the Southern division of the Continental Army under the command of Horatio Gates was defeated at the Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], and had entered into it at least three years before that period. He has no papers or documentary evidence of any kind whatever by which he can establish his services; neither does he know of any living witness by whom he can do it.

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 in open Court.

S/ [illegible signature], Clk

S/ Ephraim Pool, X his mark

[Washington Lowe and Thomas Bell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 5: On October 2, 1839, in Montgomery County Tennessee, Lucretia Pool, 73, filed an affidavit in which she states she married Ephraim Pool in March 1781 or 1782 in South Carolina about 20 miles below Camden; they removed to Georgia remained there a short time then removed to Tennessee near 40 years ago and now resides in Montgomery County; that her husband died September 11, 1834 and that she remains his widow; that she has no record of her marriage or the ages of her children; her oldest son William Pool she is informed lives in Mississippi and is now in his 57th year according to her recollection. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: On October __, 1839, in Montgomery County Tennessee, Ephraim Pool, Junior appeared and gave an affidavit that he is now 52 years old and that he is 4th child of Ephraim & Lucretia Pool and that his father has been dead about 5 years. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]