

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Witherspoon W1685

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State of South Carolina Sumter District

On this the 14th day of August in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me John Crosswell one of the Justices of the Quorum for said district & State David Witherspoon who being prevented from making his application or declaration for a pension in open court by reason of bodily infirmity make the following declaration before me a Justice of the quorum as aforesaid in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he was born in Williamsburgh district, South Carolina 24 March 1760, that his age is recorded in his father's family Bible which is in his possession. That he was called into service when living in Williamsburgh district -- that in 1787 he removed to Sumpter district where he has since lived. In 1779 he was drafted & served as a private one tour of 6 months. Colonel Mayhem or Bigham [sic, probably Colonel Hezekiah Maham] was Colonel, & William McDaniels was also one of the Colonels, and so was Archibald McDonald -- Major McCaskill & John James were the Majors. James Witherspoon was my Captain. In last of '79 or first of '80 we went to Charleston and were there during the siege of that city. We were marched to Charleston by Colonel Horry. In this said term he served six months -- was then paroled.

Early in the spring of 1781 he volunteered in the Company of Captain Witherspoon. We had a skirmish at halfway swamp on Santee -- one and also at the lower bridge in Williamsburgh -- had a severe one at Parker's Ferry on the Edisto -- Was at the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] where I fought as I did in the said skirmishes. To the belief of applicant thinks in 1781 -- he served nine months. In the year 1782 -- he volunteered again under Captain Witherspoon. He was appointed a first Lieutenant and received his commission as such. The commission he has misplaced. In this last tour of 1782 he served as a Lieutenant six months. Was on scouting duty -- had several skirmishes, -- was continually on duty with the company, but from loss of memory cannot state with precision the particulars of his duty on this said last tour. He was discharged in camp on South side of Santee -- did not receive a written discharge. Served actively in all, twenty-one months at least.

Was engaged in no civil public pursuit while in the Army -- what time he was at home, he followed the reed [?] making business. Sumter & Marion were the chief officers of the military with which he served.

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married by the Reverend Joseph Stevenson, a Presbyterian minister.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$67.78 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831.]