

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jonathan Montgomery W3579

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State of Tennessee }                    Sept. Sessions 1832 of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions.  
Carroll County        }

On this day the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of said court presiding Johnathan Montgomery a resident citizen of said county aged seventy 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service as a volunteer in the year 1778, as a private in Capt Joseph Young's company, Col. Yancey lived in Granvil [sic: Granville] County North Carolina & his captain raised his company in Orrange [sic: Orange County], & states that they were marched to the neighbourhood of Charlestown [Charleston] S. Carolina & joined Gen'l. Ash [sic: John Baptist Ashe] on the Savanah [sic: Savannah] River. and crossed over with him in the State of Georgia where Ash was defeated on Brier Creek [Battle of Briar Creek, 3 Mar 1779], the next day they recrossed the river & fell under Gen. [Griffith] Rutherford, as their Gen. Ash after he was defeated as he understood was arrested. he was in service then about six months and was discharged at Turkey Hill on the Savanah River.

Shortly before Gates defeat [Gen. Horatio Gates's defeat at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] he was drafted & served under several captains, whose names he can not now recollect. the company he was then in was at the battle at Cambden S. Carolina when Gates was defeated. He was so often transferred and detached about he can not recollect any of the names of his officers. after the battle there was no regular discharge of the militia every man made the best of his way home. in this he served three months.

After this he was drafted & served a tour of three months in guarding jails and prisoners and collecting provisions for the army this service was performed in the State of North Carolina, Orange County Col Alexander Mabane [sic: Alexander Mebane] was head comisary & who gave him a discharge

Here hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present & states that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Where & in what year were you born

Answer, according to the records of his parents, he was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1762, and in the State of Pennsilvania, Lancaster Cty.

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it.

Answer. He has, took it from the records of his parents & now has it.

Where did you live when called into service and where have you lived since the war & where do you now live

Answer Orrange Cty N. Carolina, from there he moved to S. Carolina Pendleton district & lived forty years & five years since he moved to this county where he now lives

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if so for whom.

Answer. first volunteerd, and afterwards drafted as above stated

State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental & militia regiments & the general circumstances of your service

answer. He recollects serving under Gen. Gates also Col [Archibald] Lytle who he understood was a regular officer, who was put over some militia and will always recollect the great De Kalb who fell at that battle [of Camden]

Did you ever receive a discharge, by whom was it given & what has become of it.

Answer. never one as he recollects, except the one from Col Mabane the comisary which from the great lapse of time has been destroyed.

Further states that he has no documentary evidence to establish his services, nor can he prove the same as above stated except one tour, by any living witness. The first tour his brother William Montgomery served with him in the same country and were seldom apart.

States that he is well acquainted and was for a long time acquainted with David Moore Esq and John Armstrong Esqr who can testify as to my veracity & that I served as above stated.  
[signed] Jonathan Montgomery

I William Montgomery a resident citizen of this county do hereby certify that I served with the above applicant Johnathan Montgomery the first tour of six months when they were defeated under Gen Ash in the State of Georgia, I have heard his declaration & know as to that tour that he served as he states  
[signed] Wm Montgomery [pension application S2008]

NOTE: On 31 May 1853 in Madison County TN Zillah Montgomery, about 73, applied for a pension stating that she married Jonathan Montgomery on 4 Oct 1842, and he died 2 Sep 1852. With her application is a copy of the record of the marriage of Montgomery to Zillah Fry.