

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Flanagan (Flannegan) W5275 Sarah Flanagan f35NC
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Georgia Hall County

On this the fifth day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John Nichols, Samuel Finly and Thomas L. Tate Judges of the Inferior Court now sitting as a Court of ordinary -- William Flanagan a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-four years and eleven months 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated – viz., The deponent States that sometime in the year 1777 he volunteered under Captain Jamison [David Jamieson] who commanded a Company of horse and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade] that he resided in Anson County North Carolina but cannot recollect in what month of the year nor what day of the month Was employed in scouting and reconnoitering through the County for six or nine months but cannot recollect which, and immediately after the expiration of said term deponent volunteered again under Captain Patrick Bogan [Patrick Boggan] who also commanded a Company of horse and served a tour of six months in scouting and watching the maneuvers of the Tories – deponent then removed to the State of Georgia Richmond County and there volunteered again but cannot recollect the Captain's name but was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark [Elijah Clarke] General Screven [James Screven] & General Houston [John Houston] and was marched to the Floridas to Saint Augustine on a six-months expedition and at the expiration of the time returned to North Carolina volunteered into a horse company again -- served a tour of six or nine months but cannot recollect which then volunteered again into a horse company but cannot recollect the Captain's name, and was attached to Colonel Wade's Regiment and served a tour of three months then married and was drafted into the Service again and hired a Substitute whose name deponent cannot recollect deponent States that he never received a discharge for any of his Services he cannot recollect in what year he quit the Service. Deponent states that he was born in the State of Virginia but does not recollect in what County on the first day of December 1757, that he has no record of his age having lost it some years ago -- that he remained in North Carolina after the War until about 1801 when he removed to the State of Georgia and Settled in Jackson County and from thence removed to Hall County about nine years ago where he now lives.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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

S John Nichols. JIC

S/ William Flanagan, X his mark

[James Whitten and James Rylee, both clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Amendment to William Flanagan this declaration

Georgia Hall County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County William Flanagan who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades Some time in the year 1777 Colonel Wade ordered out his Regiment to which Regiment I belonged and volunteered as a private Soldier into a Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Jamison for a six months tour of duty and marched into South Carolina to a place called Camden but the enemy had left before we arrived. We were then ordered to march where it was said a number of Tories had embodied on Rocky River in North Carolina and had a skirmish with the Tories and was marched from there to Pedee River and had a battle with the Tories under Colonel Fanning [David Fanning]¹ in which engagement we were defeated with the loss of several of our horses and mine amongst the rest. There were several lives lost on both sides and amongst those of our Regiment was my Lieutenant whose name I do not remember. I was then marched to where Colonel Wade lived on Pedee River and discharged.

In a short time after getting home Colonel Wade's Regiment was again ordered out for a three months tour I again volunteered into a Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Patrick Bogan as a private Soldier and marched down Pedee River where a parcel of Tories had embodied but they fled before we arrived We then marched to the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina, remained there about 10 days was discharged and returned home.

I then removed to Richmond County State of Georgia Generals Scriven & Houston & Colonel Clarke raised a Regiment to march to Saint Augustine in East Florida men in this tour were enlisted for six months or during the expedition I enlisted under a Captain Garrison (I think) But on arriving at the River St. John's our officers finding that there was no means of crossing the River except upon rafts made of logs & that the enemy outnumbered us on the other side and were well prepared for our reception held a counsel and determined not to cross but ordered a retreat and when we arrived at the River St. Tillas [sic, Satilla River] on our retreat we were discharged.

I then returned to Chatham County State of North Carolina and in a short time after Major Rosser's Regiment was called out for a three months tour of Service I volunteered into a company of Cavalry as a private Soldier commanded by Captain Gholston [William or Charles Gholson or Goldston] and was attached to Colonel Ramsey's Regiment and started to march to Guilford Courthouse North Carolina but our officers hearing that the engagement [March 15, 1781] was over changed their course and marched to a place called Ramsey's Mills remained there a few days and then marched to Chatham Court house and shortly after was discharged

Colonel Wade's Regiment was shortly after ordered out to march to a place called the Barrack Hill I again volunteered for three months as a private Soldier into Captain Gholston's

¹ David Fanning and the Tories under his command were active in North Carolina primarily in the year 1781.

Company of Cavalry and marched to the Barrack Hill in Anson County North Carolina where I remained until the expiration of my term of service for which service I claim a pension

And I further swear that during the Revolutionary War I was engaged in many scouting and reconnoitering tours through the County & for which it regulars Service I claim nothing

And I further swear that during the time for which the service on which I claim a pension was performed I was not engaged in any Civil Pursuit.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of November 1833

S/ E. M. Johnson, JP

S/ William Flanagan, X his mark

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Amendment to the declaration of William Flanagan

Georgia Hall County

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of ___ in and for said County William Flanagan who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

I was first called out by draft or three months but cannot recollect in what year nor what month of the year as a private militiaman under Captain Bogan & attached to Colonel Wade's Regiment and marched to a place called the Back Camp [could be 'Bark Camp'] on Pedee River where we had an engagement with the Tories who attacked us at our Camp in the morning and threw our Army into confusion Killed some of our men and the balance retreated, the men dispersed and mostly went home. I also went home.

After being at home two or three months I was drafted for three months again under Captain Jamison as a private militiaman and attached to Colonel Wade's Regiment and marched to Camden & from thence to the Cheraw Hills where we remained until my term of service expired and returned home.

I then came to the State of Georgia to see a brother who lived there, where I was again drafted for six months or during the expedition as a private militiaman under a Captain Garrison and attached to Colonel Clarke's Regiment and started to march to Saint Augustine but went no further than the River St. John's when our officers held a counsel and determined on a retreat General Screven & Houston were with the Army during this expedition. I am not positive how long I was in the foregoing tour but am certain it was not less than three months. We were discharged on our return march after crossing the Altamaha River in Georgia

I then returned to Chatham County North Carolina and was soon after drafted for three months as a private militiaman under Captain Gholston and attached to Colonel Rosser's Regiment and marched to a place called Ramsey's Mills where we were stationed and remained until my term of service expired. And for which service I claim a pension

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of March 1834.

S/ Jno. M. McAfee, JIC

S/ William Flanagan, X his mark

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[On May 10, 1854, Winna Bearden and Priscilla Flannagan, daughters of James Flannagan, filed an affidavit in Gilmer County, Ga., in which they stated their father died September 15, 1845, a

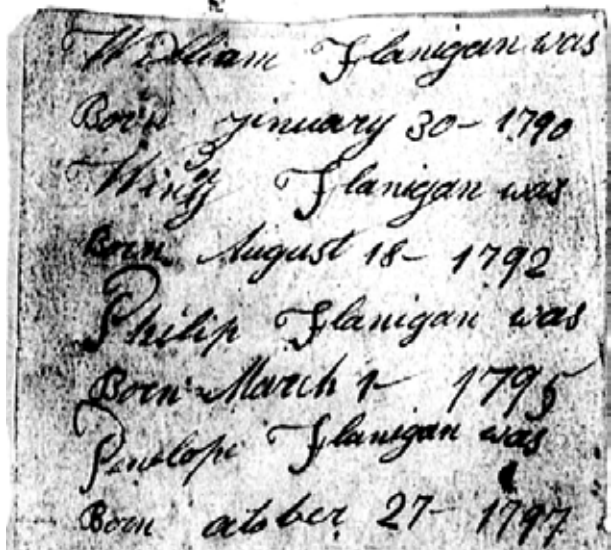
pensioner of the US; that their mother, Sarah Flannagan died June 6, 1848; that their parents married in January 1783; that their mother's maiden name as Sarah Self; that they are the only surviving heirs of their parents.



Winna Bearden signed with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Winna Bearden's husband, Jacob Bearden filed a supporting affidavit dated May 10, 1854 in Gilmer County, Georgia; he says William and Sarah Flanagan had 3 children other children in addition to his wife, Winna, and her sister Priscilla; their names were John Flanagan, Sarah Flanagan and Leroy Flanagan, all of whom were older than another child named William Flanagan, Jr.]

[p 9: what appears to be a partial family record:

	William Flanigan was Born January 30 1790
	Winny Flanigan was Born August 18—1792
	Philip Flanigan was Born March 1—1795
	Penelope Flanigan was Born October 27—1797

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]