

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Venable

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[Original spelling and punctuation retained]

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State of Illinois

Bond County

On this Eighth day of October eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court, the same being the Circuit Court of the County of Bond, now sitting, William Venable, a resident of the County of Bond & State of Illinois, aged seventy seven years in the month of February next, 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, 1832. That he was born in Prince Edwards County in the state of Virginia in February 1755. but he has no record on his age except one made by himself from his fathers record. That, in the month of May, as well as he can recollect, in the year 1778, at Spartenburg County South Carolina, he volunteered, in Capt. Lewis Musicks company in Col. John Earls regiment, of South Carolina Militia, and was employed in repelling the aggressions of the Cherokee Indians, who has come over the line, (he the said Venable then living near the boundary of their Country) and had killed a number of the inhabitants of said Spartenburg County and of Rutherford County North Carolina, and overtook them at Hights old place so called, near their Nation, and a skirmish ensued in which Capt. Musick was killed – when Edward Hampton took the command, and then he returned with the troops to Earle's Fort, which had been built for the protection of the women and the children. Orders were then received to go down on Tiger [Tyger] River S.C. to build a Fort. he went with his Company to Tiger River and built what was called Princes Fort. The same Indians having again committed depredations in Rutherford County, the company went out, and had another skirmish with them, in which Capt. Hampton was killed – when Capt. Francis Prince took the Command, when he went in said company, into the Cherokee country, under General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and destroyed a number of Indian towns, killed a number of Indians and retook a number of prisoners before taken by the Indians. These various services included all the years of 1778, 1779 & 1780. the whole of which time, he was either marching or in different Forts, or Stations, and at all times embodied & under arms. In January 1781, being then in Capt. George Taylor's company of light horse, in Col. Billy Washingtons [William Washington] regiment, and aiming to go and join Genl. Greene, he fell in with Genl. Morgan, and he pillotted him across Packolett [Pacolet] river, and thru Spartenburg County, to the Cowpens, in which battle he was [January 17, 1781] , and received three wounds, after which battle he continued with the army three days journey, and between the Adkin and Catawba rivers, his wounds compelled him to stop and he continued six weeks laid up, at the house of a man named Nelson, and continued in service six weeks at this time. He has received several discharges all of which he hast lost or mislaid. He has no documentary evidence to prove any of said services, and knows of no one by whom he can prove any of said services, unless one John Wilcox who did some time ago live in the state of Tennessee, can testify to them. He does not know however that said Wilcox is alive at this time.

That since the war, he resided in South Carolina rising of twenty years, in the State of Tennessee and Kentucky about twenty one years, in North Carolina two or three years, and for the last three years in the State of Illinois. That the Rev. William Hunter, and Alexander Elam will testify to his character for veracity, and their belief as to his services.

He hereby relenquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed
in open Court this 8th of Oct 1832

William Venable

Benjamin F. Berry

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State of Illinois
Bond County

On this 6th day of October eighteen hundred and thirty five personally appeared in open Court (the same being the Circuit Court of the County of Bond now Siting,) William Venable a resident of the County and State aforesaid. And as an Amendment, to his Declaration made before said Court, on the Eighth day of October 1832. In order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.—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 service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. 1st For two years I served as a volunteer (Private) in the Company commanded in succession by Captains Lewis Musick, Edward Hampton, and Francis Prince in Col. John Earls Regiment of South Carolina Militia. during part of the aforesaid time the troops with which I was embodied was under the command of Genl. Pickens, the aforesaid services were rendered from the Middle of May 1778 to the Middle of May 1780. 2nd For 42 days I served as a private in Captain George Taylors Company of Light Horse in Col. Billy Washingtons Regiment. during this term of service I was in the Battle of Cowpens when the American troops were Commanded by Genl. Morgan, in which Battle I received three wounds that is, A Musket Ball in the right leg to the right of the shin bone which was extracted on the next day by Doctor Nelson, also two Cuts on the head with a Sword, witness the Scars to this day. this last term of service was rendered in the Months Decr 1780 and January 1781.—The whole of the aforesaid Services was with an Embodied Corps Called into Service by Competent Authority, and was rendered during the whole time either in the Field, Fort, or Garrison, and for the time during which aforesaid Service was performed I was not employed in any Civil pursuit. And for which Service I claim a Pension. -- This Deponent further states that Col. Howard Commanded the Regulars at the Battle of the Cowpens. Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court.

J Bradford Dept Clk

William Venable

Also appeared (at the same time) in open Court Harris Reavis¹ a Resident of Montgomery County in the State of Illinois (and who is a Revolutionary Pensioner) who being first duly Sworn Deposeth & Saith that he was acquainted with William Venable (who is an applicant for a Pension) upwards of forty years in Carolina and from Conversation with him, and every information respecting him he does believe that he served in the Revolutionary War, and that he is of the age set forth in his Declaration Sworn to and Subscribed

this 6 October 1835.
J. Bradford Dept Clk

Harris Reavis
his mark

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State of Illinois
Bond County

Personally appeared before me Richard Tatom one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for said County William Venable of said County and after being duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith, that at the October Court (1832) for said County, that he made out a declaration for to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. that at the October court for said County (1835) he made an amendment to his said declaration; and that he is now required to make an additional statement "Detailing the Circumstances under which he entered the service, the commencement and termination

¹ FPA S32472

thereof, the names of Company and Regimental officers, probable number of the Corps, the Character of their daily duties in each term of his engagement, and actual service in the field or garrison.” All of which I will endeavor to state to the best of my recollection, but from old age and infirmity and the consequent loss of Memory, at one time I did recollect some part of my Revolutionary Services and scenes that I did pass through, and at another time some other parts of my Service, as follows to wit: In the Spring of 1778 in District of 96 in South Carolina the Indians were rushing in upon the Country Killing Burning and destroying the Country, orders from the Governor of South Carolina to General Pickens to call out the Militia, and the requisite Number of men was Made up by volunteers & were called the Mountain Volunteers, as one of said volunteers (a private) I entered the service in Captain Lewis Musicks Company about the Middle of May, 1778. in Col. John Earls Regiment, and were stationed a while at said Col. Earls where we built a Fort, thence to Princes & Built another Fort, thence we went on to the Cherokee nation. [I ought to have stated that while we were stationed at the fort at Earls Captain Musick was killed in a Battle we had with the Cherokees. Immediately after Musick was killed Captain Edward Hampton took Command of the Company and in another Battle with said Indians Capt. Hampton was shot, fell against the Deponent and died within one or two hours. then Francis Prince took Command of the Company, we then went on to the Cherokee nation, this army Consisted of three Regiments, commanded by Cols. Earls, John Thomas & Thomas Brannon [Thomas Brandon] and while at the Nation we had several skirmishes or Rather runing fights. The army then Returned to Sineea[?] where we were stationed for some 8 or 10 months during this time we were Employed in passing from station to station and in protecting the frontier from Indian Depredations, in this army I Recollect being acquaint with Major, John Gain, and Major John Dillard or Captains, James Hamilton, Parsons², Maghee, Coulter³, Saml Earls⁴, Elias Earls. From this term of service I was discharged about the middle of May, 1780, as near as I can recollect, and during the whole time I was in the Public Service under the command of proper officers and employed in Defending the Frontier, in Building forts, and in passing from fort to fort, & from station to station, and in Frequent Conflict with Indians, and in no part of the time employed in any Civil Pursuit whatever. during the above time it is true I received a furlow twice from my Commanding Officer to visit friends, --

Some time in the fore part of December (as near as I can recollect) 1780 – an Express came from Genl. Green, then laying near Charlotte to Genl. Pickens to come on to his assistance, Genl. Pickens went on with a bout 1100 men, Green then divided his army and give Genl. Morgan command of a part. – I then joined Capt. Taylors Company of Light Horse (as a private) in Col. William Washingtons Regiment we then proceeded to the Cowpens where a Battle was fought between the Americans under the command of Genl. Morgan, Col. Howard Commanded the Regulars, Col. Washington the Horsemen, and the British Army under the Command of Col. Tarleton, where I received the wounds heretofore stated in my Supplement. during this engagement I served 40 days and was discharged near the Cowpens. – and further this Deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me at Greenville this 14th day of March, 1836. –

William Venable

Attest Richard Tatom

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 29th July 1848

State of Arkansas
County of Franklin

² Possibly Captain Major Parsons

³ Possibly Anthony Coulter

⁴ Possibly FPA S21174

On this 3rd day of July AD 1854 personally appeared before me John Honea [or Houed?] Judge of the Probate Court of Franklin County in the state of Arkansas Sarah Venable personally known to me to be a resident of the county Johnson state aforesaid aged eighty years. who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 29th July 1848 I the said Sarah Venable am the widow of William Venable who was a revolutionary Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$ per year That I do not now recollect in what company or Regiment the said William Venable served. that he was a private in said service as I was informed and believe as will be seen as will be seen from the Records of the War department and muster rolls that the said William Venable entered the service of the United States [one word] on the day of AD that I do not recollect the names of the officers under whom he served; that at the time he entered the service he was living at Spartanburg in the state of South Carolina that I have evidence in support of said claim but would refer to the Records of the war department and muster rolls for proof of the services of said husband

I further declare that I was married to the said William Venable on day of January in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety two that my husband the aforesaid William Venable died on the 12th day of April AD 1836. that I was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the second of January eighteen hundred to wit at the time above stated I further swear that I am now a widow and that I have never before made any application for a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed
in open court before
me this the day & date
above written

John Honea Judge
of the Probate court of F.C.

Sarah Venable
her mark

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[Note: James D. Venable testified in Franklin County, Arkansas on July 17, 1854 that William Venable died on or about April 12, 1836 in Bond County Illinois leaving Sarah Venable his surviving widow. No relationship given.]