

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Edmund Lashley W8014

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In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

On this the third day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Inferior Court of Pike County State of Georgia, Edmond Lashley a resident of said county of Pike and State of Georgia, 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 7th 1833 [sic]. — That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service of the United States sometime about the fifteenth of August seventeen Hundred and seventy nine, in Wake County state of North Carolina, as a drafted Militia man, under Captain Benjamin Blake and Lieutenant Joseph Peoples, and Ensign William Amos, marched from Wake County N. Carolina to Johnson [sic] County N. Carolina, and from Johnston County, down to a Town Called Kingston [sic: Kinston] in said state, where we joined Colonel Richard Caswell & where we were stationed untill our Term of service expired; This was a three months Tour of duty and, and this applicant was discharged at Kingston and received a written discharge from Col. Richard Caswell, which discharge this applicant kept upwards of twenty years, but which is now lost — and which was dated about the fifteenth of November Seventeen Hundred and Seventy nine —

The next Tour of duty this applicant performed was as a drafted Militia man, in the year seventeen Hundred and Eighty, was drafted in Wake County North Carolina, under Captain Chambliss (christian name not recollected) [sic: William Chambers] for a three months Tour of duty; marched under Captain Chambliss from Wake County N. Carolina to the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina, where we joined General [Horatio] Gates, from Cheraw Hills marched to Camden was in the engagement against Lord Cornwallis on the fifteenth of August seventeen Hundred and Eighty, at Camden [sic: Battle of Camden about 6 mi N of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. From Camden marched in all sorts of order, but good order to Wake County North Carolina, where we were Called Together again, and discharged by Col. Thomas Wootan [probably Thomas Wooten], about the first of October of that year. has no recollection of receiving a written discharge from Col. Thos. Wootan to the best of his recollection this discharge was verbal, Captain Chambliss not being present, he being at that time a prisoner of War, having been taken at Camden. This was also a Three months Tour of duty, and commenced to the best of his recollection about the first of July Seventeen Hundred and Eighty — Thomas Wootan was the Colonel of the militia of Wake County in North Carolina;—

On or about the fifteenth day of February Seventeen Hundred and Eighty one, was again drafted in Wake County North Carolina, for three months more, under Captain John Trent, and Joseph Peoples was Liutenant and William Amos was Ensign, (the same persons that served in the same capacity with us under Captain Benjamin Blake) — marched from Wake County to a place near Guilford Courthouse where we designed to reinforce General [Nathanael] Greene, but the Battle was fought by Greene on 15th March of that year, where we had arrived within six or seven miles, and was in hearing distance; but could not join in Time, before the battle was over — from Guilford Courthouse marched to a place on Deep River called Ramseys mill, where we were put under the command of a Colonel William Little [sic: William Lytle], where we were stationed a short time, from Ramseys mills marched up to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough], under Colonel Little where we were stationed untill our term of service expired, and where we were discharged — Received a written discharge and to the best of his recollection, it was signed by Captain Trent. Which has been lost long since.

This applicant states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose Testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service — And that 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 & year aforesaid in open Court.

[signed] Edmun Lashley

Questions

1 Where & in what year were you born?

Ansr. I was born at a place called Cabin Point [in Surry County] in the state of Virginia, on 30th January 1763.

2 Have you any record Record of your age? and if so where is it?

Ansr. I Have none and the information I have of my age, was derived from my parents— 3rd. Where were you living when called into service where, have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ansr. In Wake County North Carolina, and state of Georgia, and now in the County of Pike State of Georgia.

th4. How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom

Ansr As a drafted militia man?

th5. State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with you with the Troops where you served: such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Ansr. General Gates, - of the regular army, and Captains Trent, Blake and Chambliss, & Lieutenant Joseph Peoples, & Ensign William Amos. - Col. Litle, Col. Caswell. &c of the militia - And I have already stated the general circumstances of my service

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Ansr. I did, By Captain Trent to the best of his recollection, and one by Col. Richard Caswell, and a verbal one by Col. Wootan.

7 State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Revolutionary soldier

Ansr. I can name the names of John P. Hensler and Nathan Bryan.

NOTE: On 29 Aug 1846 Delila Lashley, 94, applied for a pension stating that she married Edmund Lashley in Wake County NC on 13 Mar 1783, but that the record was lost when their home burned in Pulaski County GA. She stated that her husband died on 6 May 1841. On 3 Nov 1851 Sarah Lashley, 56, stated that she was their seventh child.