

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Robert Grant W8212

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Virginia Amherst County to wit.

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Ambrose Rucker, Henry L Davies, Zachariah D Tensley and William Dillard the Court of said County of Amherst now sitting Robert Grant a resident of said County aged seventy one 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 on the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the Revolutionary War as a drafted Militiaman and served three tours of service of two months each [see note below], making in all six months service, over and above the time of marching into and returning from service, as nearly as he can now remember as follows viz. about the year 1779 or 80 [1780] he was drafted by a requisition made upon Fluvanna County in this State (his then place of residence) and marched from that County under the command of Capt Len Thompson and Lieutenant Hy [Henry] Martin, the company was marched to Cabbin point [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County] and placed under the command of Col [Holt] Richardson where he served two months, when his company was discharged and he returned home. Again about the year 1780 or 81 he was called into service form the same County and marched under the command of Capt Anthony Haden and Daniel Lightfoot his Lieutenant and was again attached to the Regiment of Col. Richardson. the Regiment were constantly engaged in watching in the Counties of Hanover Orange and other places in Eastern Virginia. this was at the period of time when the enemy reached the point fork of the James and Fluvanna Rivers in Fluvanna County [Point of Fork, 5 Jun 1781], and when Tarlton and his corps went to Charlottesville [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, 4 Jun], when the legislature of Virginia was then sitting. and having performed this second tour, he was discharged and returned to his family in the County of Fluvanna aforesaid. That again in the year 1782 [sic] he thinks he was called a third time under a requisition upon his country and marched under the command of Capt. Richard Napper [sic: Richard Napier], Zack. King Lieut. and James Cole Ensign to the siege of York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] in this State and were stationed on the Gloucester side of the River under the command of Major Campbell and Col. Taylor, where he remained in active service watching the enemy and preventing their crossing over and escaping from the seige. The French fleet were then lying off the Town in York River, and the main American Army investing York Town on the land side, he continued and served out his time of service and was discharged with his company and returned home shortly before the surrender of the Enemy which terminated the war — his companies were always required to serve their tour of two months after joining their regiments making no allowance for going into or returning from service. The Companies were always discharged by the immediate company officers, and received no individual or written discharge as he verily believes. He at one time received a certificate of pay which he delivered up to his Father, they being received in payment of taxes at some small amount, not now recollected. he never received a cent of pay himself. Alexander Logan [pension application S8845] of this County, served the last tour with him, from the same County, and in the same Company. He knows of no person living in this part of the Country at this time by whom he can prove his two first tours of service, but he certainly served six months as before stated. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever for a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever

Robert Grant

NOTES:

A normal tour of militia duty was three months.

On 8 Dec 1855 Susanna Grant, 77, applied for a pension and bounty land stating that as Susanna Melton she married Robert Grant on 20 Oct 1801, and he died 20 Jul 1838. A copy of the marriage return indicates that the wedding occurred on 14 Oct 1801.