

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Avery ¹ W8335

Elizabeth Avery

f47NC

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Declaration of George Avery

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled an act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved the 15th May 1828

I George Avery of the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee do hereby Certify and declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for Eighteen months or during the War some time in the year 1781 or 2 and Continued in its service until its termination, at which time I was private in Captain Peter Becoat's [Peter Bacot's] Company and attached to the (the number of his Regiment I do not recollect) Commanded by Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] and Major Blount [Reading Blount] of the North Carolina Continental Line of Infantry and were under the Command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] until the termination of the War. I further declare that I never received a certificate for the reward of the \$80 I was entitled under Resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778.

I further declare that I was not on the 15th May 1828 on the pension List of the U.S. nor since the 3 March 1828.

Witness my hand this 31st of October in the year 183[last digit obliterated, but attestation bears the date of 1st Nov. 1830]]

S/ George Avery, X his mark

State of Tennessee, Wilson County

This day personally [appeared] James Scott before us Brittain Drake & Pauldin Anderson two acting Justices of the peace in & for the County of Wilson & State of Tennessee and duly qualified and Commissioned to administer an oath, and made oath that he James Scott was a soldier of the Revolution as is previously stated in the petition & declaration of the said George Avery, that he enlisted in the same Company, and that the said George Avery was in actual Service for 12 months and discharged after the termination of the War that the facts set forth in the petition of George Avery and he knows to be true, that the said George Avery enlisted in the Continental Army of the Revolution in Captain Becoats Company and attached to the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Lytle & Major Blount & were under the Command of General Greene – in manner & form as the said George Avery has alleged.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st Nov. 1830.

S/ James Scott,² X his mark

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Revolutionary Claims

¹ BLWt19824-160-55

² [James Scott S3864](#)

Treasury Department, 6 December 1830

George Avery of ___ in the County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Becoat's [Peter Bacot's] Company, in ~~the~~ Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle's] regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
10th December 1830

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that George Avery is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

It appears from the list of final settlement certificates issued to the North Carolina line that George Avery had issued to him a certificate for his pay to the 15th of November 1783, but his name does not appear among those of that line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued – and it is therefore probable that he has mistaken the Form of his enlistment.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office
15 December 1830

the name of George Avery is not returned on the records of the North Carolina line , on file in this Office, as entitled to bounty Lands of the United States – nor has a Warrant issued to him .

S/ Wm Gordon

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this state in the revolutionary war, that George Avery a private in Captain Bacotts Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in 1782 for 18 months and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 30th day April 1833.

S/ Wm Hil

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State of Tennessee, Wilson County

On this 26th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County of Wilson, now sitting, George Avery a resident of said County of Wilson & State of Tennessee, aged about sixty-eight 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832 – That at first he entered the

service of the United States in the Militia and as a substitute for Hardy Norvell under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. He remained so short a time as a militia man that he has forgotten the names of the Militia Officers – but his best recollection is that Colonel Sessum [probably either Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Sessoms or Thomas Sessoms, both of the Edgecombe County North Carolina militia] was Colonel Commandant of the Militia of Edgecombe County North Carolina – the other field officers not recollected. As a substitute for said Hardy Norvel, he entered the Service in the Month of August 1782 (yet his memory does not enable him to speak with certainty as to dates) we were called together at Colonel Hart's [probably Lieutenant Colonel Henry Hart's] in Edgecombe County-- marched from thence to Warren Court house North Carolina, where we were assigned over to the officers of the Continental line he recollects that they were measured as to their height & their complexion taken down, and sworn into the United States service as regular Soldiers for Eighteen months. General Greene [Nathanael Greene] was commander of the southern Army, Colonel Archibald Lytle Commanded the Regiment to which he belonged. The number of Regiment not recollected – Redden Blount [Reading Blount] Major – Peter Becoats [Peter Bacot] Captain of the Company he belonged to – John Ford 1st Lieutenant, ___ Dixon our 2nd Lieutenant. He left the service about the first August 1783 as near as he can recollect, he remembers that much joy & gladness was felt & manifested in our Camps when the news reached us of the ratification of Articles of Peace – he went home upon a furlough – and never being required again, he did not receive a regular discharge in writing. Whilst in the service he marched from Warren Court house to Hillsboro where they remained about one Week, thence to Salisbury remaining perhaps eight days – thence to Ashley Hill where we joined General Greene's Army – encamped there till after the British left Charleston [the British evacuated Charleston in December of 1782] – then marched over to James Island where we remained the balance of the time we were on duty – and two weeks started for home – and were furloughed as before stated – he was not in any battle – He resided in Edgecombe County North Carolina about four or five years – then moved to the North Fork of Houlston [Holston River] in Virginia, remained there about one year – then moved to Lincoln County Kentucky continuing there about 12 months then he moved to Davidson County in the state of Tennessee, where he resided eight or nine years – then moved to Wilson County Tennessee where he has resided for about 28 years or upwards.

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, in any State, to his knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Josiah S. McClain, Clerk
of Wilson County Court

S/ George Avery, X his mark

[p 9: On Feb. 10, 1854 in Wilson County Tennessee, his widow Elizabeth, aged 95, filed for a widow's pension. She states Avery died on June 10, 1853 in Wilson County, Tenn., as a pensioner receiving \$40/annum. She states that she and Avery were married in Pitt County, NC 'about 70 years ago'. She states that her maiden name was Elizabeth Allen. She signed her application with her mark. In a subsequent affidavit, she says she married Avery in Edgecombe County, NC in 1787 or 1788 by one John Nelson, JP]

[p 14: In May 1855 in Wilson County Tennessee, Elizabeth Avery, aged about 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of George Avery. She signed this document with her mark.]

[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 Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]