

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Pool W9233

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State of South Carolina }
Laurens District }

On this the fifteenth day of October [1832] personally appeared in open court before R Gant one of the Judges of the court of common pleas now sitting James Pool Sen'r a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged eighty five 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. His first term of three months was in one of the divisions into which the county of Mecklenburg [VA] was divided in which county he lived This division was commanded by a colonel whose name is not recollected, but the company to which he was attached was commanded by captain Anderson. In this company this declarant substituted in the place of John Thompson. This term was served partly at portsmouth and partly at Hampton on James River. Was discharged but discharge is lost & by whom given is not recollected. Immediately the second division was called out, this being the one in which this declarant was drafted. He took the oath of allegiance and was enrolled under the command of Captain Burton and served out the time which was also for three months. This Declarant well recollects that this term he was marched back to Portsmouth and was then commanded by Colonel Michlin and was then discharged, but this discharge is also lost & by whom given not recollected. The third division was then called out to serve a time of six months with orders to march to So Carolina under the command of General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] and this declarant substituted and served out this term in the place of James Allen who resided then in Charlotte county and was attached to the company commanded by Captain Thomas Williams, and our Colonel was [George] Stubblefield. With this division this declarant march'd to Hillsborough in No Carolina there stationed about a month - thence marched to deep river then remained near two weeks for want of provisions thence to Rugeleys Mills [about 12 miles N of Camden SC] where we joined the army under Gen'l [Horatio] Gates. At 10 o'clock this night [15 Aug 1780] we rec'd orders to make a silent march the army crossed the bridge [over Grannies Quarter Creek] and in about 6 miles march met the enemy [about 2:30 AM, 16 Aug]. the advanced guard fell back and the main army was formed and remained untill light. In the morning commenced the battle known by the name of Gates' defeat [now Battle of Camden]. After the battle the scattered army collected at Hillsborough and was thence marched to Guilford Court House where we remained till about 2 week before the arrival of Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] on his way to take command of the Southern army [at Charlotte on 2 Dec]. This declarant was then discharged but his discharge also lost but thinks it was written by the orderly Sergeant Caldwell.

This Declarant 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 any agency of any state.

This Declarant states that he was born in Brunswick County Va. about the year 1746. The record of his age was burned in his uncles house in this state.

Was living in Mecklingburg County Va when called into service. After the Revolutionary war removed to So Carolina Craven County now Laurens District [sic: formed from Ninety-Six District in 1785] where he has resided ever since about 48 years

This declarant knows of no one now living who can testify in detail his personal knowledge of his services. Parson David Simmons and R F Simpson can testify as to his character and belief as to my service
James hisXmark Pool Sen'r

NOTE: On 22 Feb 1844 Ursula Pool, 83, applied for a pension stating that she married James Pool in Mecklenburg County VA on 11 July 1782, and he died 29 July 1839. The file contains a family register of their children's births, as well as the following: "Ursula Pool was bornd in the year of 1762 in January the 1."