

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Archibald Lipscomb W951

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Person County }

On this 17th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in & for the County aforesaid, the same being a court of record, Archibald Lipscomb a resident of the said County of Person & State of North Carolina aged about 74 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 aforesaid act of Congress - that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the United States as a common soldier, he thinks in the winter of 1779-80 at King William Court House in the State of Virginia for a term of 18 months. That he served in the company commanded by Capt. Martin Heely, Lieut. [John] Vaughan, the names of the other company officers not recollected, in the regiment commanded by Col. [Charles] Porterfield. That he marched from King Wm Court house to Williamsburg where the company joined the regiment, thence to the southward, through the county of Caswell, the towns of Hillsborough & Salisbury, Charlotte in North Carolina, to the pine tree [Camden] in South Carolina, was at the battle of Gates defeat on the 16th of August 1780. Being ordered to rendezvous at Hillsborough No. Ca. after the rout & dispersion of the defeat, this declarant came on there as well as he could. This declarant was ordered from Hillsborough under a Lieut with 15 men to carry some British prisoners to Richmond Virginia. Upon arriving at Richmond the Governor [Thomas Jefferson] ordered the prisoners to be carried into the interior at Winchester Va. Having left the prisoners at Winchester, this declarant returned to Richmond, & was placed under the command of Col [Charles] Dabney. The names of the subaltern officers not recollected, and although his term of enlistment (18 months) was now expired this declarant remained in Richmond as that city & vicinity were greatly alarmed at the ravages of the country below committed by Genl [Benedict] Arnold with part of the British forces. This declarant continued in service near two months after his term was out, and received a discharge from Col. Dabney which he has long since lost. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. That he was born in King William County Va. & lived there untill the year 1800 or 1801 when he removed to Person County North Carolina & hath resided here ever since.

[signed] Arch'd Lipscomb

NOTE: On 4 June 1844 in Smyth County TN Dorothy Lipscomb, 74, applied for a pension as the widow first of Thomas Lipscomb and then of his younger brother, Archibald Lipscomb. She stated that Thomas Lipscomb had served in the company of Capt. Thomas Pemberton of the Virginia Continental Line and was discharged 1 Jan 1781, that she married him 23 Dec 1786, and he died 22 July 1807. She then married Archibald Lipscomb in Jan 1808, and he died 22 Mar 1837. In the file is a copy of a bond signed in King William County on 20 Dec 1787 by Thos. Lipscomb and James Palmer for the marriage of Lipscomb to Dolley Palmer, daughter of Nup'r(?) Palmer, deceased. She stated that her first child by Thomas Lipscomb was also named Thomas Lipscomb, born in May 1789. In Maury County TN on 29 Mar 1855 Dorothy Lipscomb, 83, applied for bounty land.