

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension app of George Salmon W9640

Elizabeth

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The State of South Carolina, Greenville District

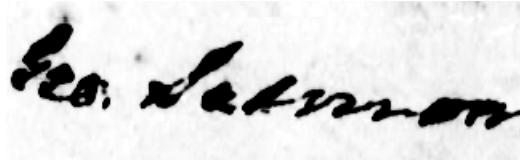
On this Sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting George Salmon a resident citizen of Greenville District in the State of South Carolina aged seventy nine years, 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 the 7th 1832. That he was born in Amelia County in the State of Virginia on the 4th day of February 1754 and removed to Spartanburg District in South Carolina in the year 1774 and entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 bearing a Lieutenant's commission in Capt John Woods company which he has lost, and was stationed at Fortunebury's Fort in what was then called Ninety Six District, where he remained in active service for nine months—That he afterwards joined Capt William Wood's company of volunteers and was by Capt Wood appointed Commissary to furnish provisions for the Station which he did for some months and then marched and joined some Georgia and North Carolina Troops commanded by Maj Williamson from Georgia, was attacked by the British and Tories in Camp on Pacolet River in So Ca. That then he and a portion of his company joined Lt. Col Williamson and Major Cunningham and marched to the First Siege of Augusta, after which he returned to So. Carolina and was taken prisoner by the Tories and carried to Ferguson's Camp—A short time before the battle of King's Mountain he was released, then he set out for Augusta Ga. by way of Ninety Six where he found Generals Green [sic, Greene] and Henderson in Camp and carried an express from them to Genl. Pickens who then commanded at Augusta, and remained till Augusta was retaken by the Americans. He then returned to South Carolina in charge of some wounded men, afterwards he sent by Genl Henderson over the Mountains with an express to Col Shelby, returned with an express from him to Genl Henderson. He then joined Col Roebuck's Regiment and marched to Orangeburg in So. Carolina and served as Quarter Master for two months in the year 1781. That he served always as a volunteer, nine months as Lieutenant and three years and three months as a private in the service of the United States as a soldier and bearer of dispatches, during his service he was commanded by different officers, that he has no written discharge or other documentary evidence of his said services, but offers the affidavit of John Young Esquire

to prove his said services. That from the lapse of time, his advanced age and consequent decay of memory the deponent is unable to give a more minute and detailed account of his said services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Geo. Salmon

Before me Jno Daniel, C.C.P.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geo. Salmon". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered on the page.

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, and Robert Thurston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Greenville District

Personally came George Salmon before the subscribing Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Greenville, who being first duly sworn deposed and saith that in consequence of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot state precisely the length of his services nor the dates and [indecipherable word or words] of the same – but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below.

First he entered the service of his country under Captain John Wood in Spartanburg district as a volunteer in the latter part of the Winter of 1776. He was stationed at Fortenbury's Fort on the frontiers of South Carolina for the purpose of guarding the inhabitants against the Indians & Tories. He served this tour six months. He held the commission of Lieutenant under Captain Wood & had command as such during this tour but has lost his commission and is not now able to prove his rank. Therefore he claims pay only for his services as a private during this tour – it being six months.

The second tour he served under Captain William Wood as a volunteer and as a Lieutenant in his company. This tour he served three months – it was in the fall of 1777. He was actively employed on the Indian line and in stationed at Thompson's in the upper part of South Carolina during this tour – Having lost his commission as above stated and not being able to prove his services this tour by any living witness he must be content to claim pay as a private and does so for 3 months.

The third tour he entered the service of his country under Captain William Benson & Colonel Benjamin Roebuck. He does not recollect the date of this tour. He marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina was there stationed some time. This tour he served not less than two months. He served as a volunteer & claims a pension for such service as a private.

The fourth tour he joined the forces under Colonel Williamson as stated in his original declaration, and marched for the Siege of Augusta. This tour he served not less than two months as a private and as a volunteer. He then returned home – and was taken by the Tories but shortly afterwards made his escape – and returned again to the Siege of Augusta as stated more particularly in his original declaration. He served this second trip to Augusta not less than three months & was there until the town and Fort were taken – making together five months services rendered as a private during the summer and fall of the siege of Augusta and for such services he claims a pension.

He rendered various other services in bearing dispatches and acting in different capacities but from the loss of memory he is in the state them particularly. He is confident that he served much longer than the time above stated. But he claims a Pension for only those services which he has distinctly made out – Being one year and 4 months.

He does not recollect the names of any regular officers or Continental regiments – He was in fact with none except at the siege of Augusta & Cambridge. He was in no general battle. He can procure the testimony of William Goodlett¹ & John Young² – Esquire as to his services. He has no record of his age at present. He was living in South Carolina when called into service and has lived here ever since the revolutionary war. He is known to William Goodlett, John Young and others who can testify as to his character.

Sworn to & subscribed this December 2nd 1834

S/ B. Dunham, Ex Off JP

S/ Geo Salmon

[fn p. 11: On September 7, 1844 in Morgan County Missouri, Elizabeth Salmon, 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Salmon, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Spartanburg County South Carolina March 10th 1785; that her maiden name was Elizabeth Young; that her husband died August 18th 1837 and that she remains his widow.



Elizabeth Salmon

[fn p. 5: family record:

George Salmon born February 4th A.D. 1754

Elizabeth Young born December 22nd 1758

John W Salmon one born July 18th A.D. 1786³

Margaret Salmon born May 30th A.D. 1788

Harriett Salmon born December 27th A.D. 1791

Polly Salmon born April 17th A.D. 1794

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Wm H. Salmon was Born 23rd Day of July 1796

Ezekiel Salmon was Born 5th Day of July 179[hole in paper]

George T. Salmon was Born 2? [second digit illegible] Day of October 180?

George Salmon Esquire departed this life the 18th of August A.D. 1837

George by Salmon departed this life at Jackson Mississippi July 25th A.D. 1822

George Salmon and Elizabeth Young were married the 10th of March A.D. 1785

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80.54 commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private and quarter master in the South Carolina militia.]

¹ [William Goodlett W8857](#)

² [John Young W1976](#)

³ The war Department read this entry as reading "John M Salmon born July 18th A.D. 1787."