

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Upton (Uptain)¹ W9869 Charity Upton f88GA
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State of Georgia, Coweta County}

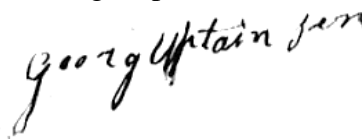
On this eighth day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us Richard B. Wootten, Henry Henderson & John D. Hinton Judges of the inferior Court of the said State and County now sitting George Upton Senior a resident of said County & State aged (67) Sixty Seven years who first being 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service when a very young man as a Volunteer in the County of Columbia in the State of Georgia in the month of February (the year not recollected, but knows it to have been at the time the British had possession of Augusta in said State)² under Captain James Danally [? Donally] was marched to Augusta Georgia at some time in the month of May thereafter we succeeded in taking one of the Forts – having several skirmishes previous with the enemy. This Fort was known as Grayson's [sic, Grierson's] Fort.³ In the month of July of the same year the other Fort near the same place at that time known as Brown's Fort was surrendered to the Americans. The name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment I have forgotten, but knows that the whole American forces were commanded by General William Twiggs. After the surrender of the Forts as above, we remained at the same place until peace was declared – at which time I was discharged – but have lost or mislaid it. That I have no documentary evidence nor knows of no person and that can be procured that can testify to this Service –and 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 of any State.

Sworn and subscribed to before us the day & year aforesaid.

S/ George Uptain, Sen. [sic]



¹ BLWt61224-160-55

² British forces under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Campbell took possession of Augusta Georgia on January 31, 1779.

³ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

S/ Rich'd B. Wootten, JICCC
S/ Henry Henderson, JICCC
S. Jno. D. Hinton, JICCC

Answers to Interrogatories from the War Department⁴

Answer to the 1st He was born on Holson [sic, Holston] River in the State of North Carolina – the County not known by him – he cannot say what year but from the information given him by his parents believes to have been born in the year 1765.

Answer 2 – He has none

Answer 3 – He was living in Columbia County in the State of Georgia – after peace he has lived in many places, to wit: five years in Pendleton District South Carolina-- 5 years and Overton County in the State of Tennessee – 40 years in the State of Georgia in which state he now resides in at this time in the County of Coweta.

Answer 4 – He volunteered

Answer 5 – He knew Captain James Danilly and General William Twiggs

Answer 6th – He has no recollection of receiving a discharge if he did he has lost it.

Answer – He refers to George Penticost and Levi Phillips

S/ George Uptain, Sen.

[George Penticost (Clerk of Superior County of Coweta County) and Levi Phillips (a resident of Campbell County, Ga.) gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before us Justices of the Inferior Court of said County and State aforesaid, John D. Hinton, Richard B. Wootten & William Spratling, George Upton who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade. I entered the Service of the United States as a Volunteer under Captain James Daneley in Columbia County State of Georgia and marched to Augusta Georgia and was under the Command of General William Twiggs for nine months and was discha him rged which discharge I have lost. Sworn to and subscribed before us this 13th day of May 1833.

S/ George Uptain

S/ Jno D. Hinton, JICCC

S/ Rich'd B. Wootten, JICCC

S/ Wm Spratling, JICCC

[p 11: July 3, 1837 in DeKalb County Alabama, the veteran applied for the transfer of his

⁴ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

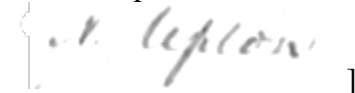
4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

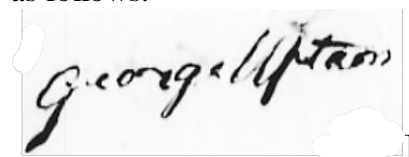
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

pension payment from the Georgia agency to the Alabama agency stating as his justification for his application that “he intends to remain [in Alabama] and wishes his pension to be payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from the state of Georgia to the State of Alabama his Children having removed to the State of Alabama his desire was and is to be with them.” Nathan Upton and swords Newman supported the application. The relationship, if any of Nathan Upton to the veteran is not stated. His signature appeared as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "N. Upton", enclosed in a rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[p 56: On May 29, 1848 in Murray County Georgia, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the state of Alabama to the state of Georgia stating that he intends to remain in Georgia. He stated his reasons for moving to Georgia as follows: “I [am] very feeble actual wish to remain with my Children which lives in the State of Georgia.” He signed this application as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Upton", enclosed in a rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[p 14: In DeKalb County Alabama on March 15, 1856, Charity Upton, aged 74, applied for a widow's bounty land stating that she married George Upton in August 1796 in Pendleton District South Carolina by the Reverend Mr. Hargis; that her maiden name was Charity Burrows; and that her husband died in DeKalb County on February 20, 1854. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 34: On June 29, 1852 in DeKalb County Alabama, Jesse Sample⁵ gave an affidavit in support of Upton's application based on conversations the he had with Upton after the close of the revolutionary war. These conversations took place in the blacksmith shop over Robert Gray in which both Upton and the affiant were learning the trade of Gun Smith. The affiant also stated that Robert Gray said Upton served 3 years and some months. That the conversations took place in the year 1790 or 1791.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Sample", enclosed in a rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[Note: Documents in the file indicate that the widow survived the American Civil War and on March 12, 1870 at the age of 91 while a resident of Etowah County Alabama, the widow applied for the restitution of her pension benefits as the widow of a Revolutionary war veteran.

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Georgia Militia.]