

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Cummings (Cumming) S6780

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State of North Carolina Guilford County: SS

On this 22nd day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the court now sitting Thomas Cummings a resident of Guilford County and State of North Carolina aged seventy-four years: who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832

That he entered the service of the United States in the fall of the year 1780 under Captain John Gillespie in a company of cavalry that at the time of his entering the service he lived in the County of Guilford North Carolina, that his company rendezvoused at Guilford Court House & was marched from thence on through Salisbury to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina where General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] was stationed with his Army & was waiting for recruits & new forces with a of marching into South Carolina to join in cooperating with General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]: upon the arrival of his company under Captain Gillespie at Charlotte, it was placed under the command of Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie], that he remained there with his company until the British made their appearance in that quarter, when the Division under the command of General Davidson was compelled to retreat before superiority of numbers that during this campaign news arrived at head quarters that a large number of Tories had assembled at a plantation on the Catawba River called Wahubs¹ where Colonel Davie was dispatched with a force of one hundred cavalry and one hundred Infantry to disperse them – that he was among the number sent, and after traveling all night, they arrived early in the morning and found a large number of Tories who were immediately given battle & defeated & upwards of thirty horses were taken by the company under command of Colonel Davie. At the expiration of three months this affiant was dismissed & returned home to Guilford where he remained for some time, that during his stay at home he was frequently called out to suppress the depredations committed by the Tories & British, That he was once called upon for about two weeks to march to the lower end of Guilford County to check a parcel of Tories and British: that he was under the command of Captain George Pierce [George Pearce] and Colonel Winston: & that he was dismissed when he returned and was next drafted to serve a tour of three

¹ Walkup's or Wahabs Plantation, September 21, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/wahabsp.htm>

months under his Brother John Cummings who commanded as Captain and was marched from Guilford on for Wilmington and joined Colonel Graham who took command of several companies: that his company was marched through Fayetteville in sight of Wilmington where his commander turned his course and went on through the lower part of South Carolina in pursuit of Tories, who together with the colored population in the swamps were very obnoxious in that section of country. That during this campaign and number of Tories were shot and cut to pieces, but no engagement was entered into; that after crossing & re-crossing the Pedee [River] his company was marched up into North Carolina near the mouth of Uwharrie [River] where they were dismissed after a Tour of three months: That he was called out in several little scouting parties to suppress the Tories but was never in any general engagement. He further states that he received a discharge in writing when he left the Army under General Davidson, which he has long since lost.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, except Lee Clarke² whose affidavit is hereto attached, who was with him in the Army under the command of General Davidson at Charlotte, North Carolina and who in the party of Horse called out to the lower end of Guilford to suppress the Tories & British in that quarter: He states that he is known in his neighborhood to James McNairy Esquire, James Nelson Esquire – Moses McGrady Esquire & many others. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Sworn & subscribed in open Court

Test: S/ A. E. Hanner, Clerk

S/ Thomas Cummings

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Cummings". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Thomas Cummings".

Lee Clarke being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he served in two tours with Thomas Cummings during the revolutionary war, one for the space of three months when they were stationed at Charlotte North Carolina, under the command of General Davidson, that said Cummings belonged to the horse, the other for the space of about two weeks in the lower part of Guilford

[not signed by Clarke]

[James McNairy & James Nelson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina cavalry & infantry.]

² Sic, Lee Clark FPA S2431