

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Laurence Angell S31519

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[Punctuation, grammar & spelling corrected]

State of Indiana, County of Johnson

On this twelfth day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Israel Watts sole Judge of the Probate Court of said county now sitting, Laurence Angel, a resident of Nineveh Township in the county of Johnson and State of Indiana, aged Seventy two years who hereby 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 about the last of July in the year 1776 he was drafted into the service of the United States under the following officers, to wit: Colonel Joseph Williams commandant of the Regiment and Major Shepherd (whose Christian name is forgotten) who were all the field officers belonging to said judgment. Captain Richard Good, Lieutenant Ambrose Blackburn and Ensign Joseph Keermikee (?) were the officers of the campaign which this declarant belonged. That at the time of his entry into the service of the United States as above stated he was a resident of Surry County in the State of North Carolina:--That after entering the service aforesaid in the manner above named, he marched with the Regiment and Company to which he belonged, from the then place of his residence over the mountains in the direction of and against the Cherokee Indian Tribe to the Indian Towns, then known by the name of the Over hill Towns—That in the march, which this declarant & the company & regiment in which he then served, performed, they previous to arriving at the Indian Towns above named, passed the River Holstein at the "Long Islands" and from thence passed through what at that time was a wilderness, in distance as it was afterwards ascertained 112 miles;--That previous to the arrival of the expedition on which this declarant served, at said Towns, the same had been evacuated by the Indians and before leaving the same the houses, corn &c belonging to the Indians were burned and destroyed by said expedition;--That the Regiment and company to which this declarant belonged were not attached to any continental regiment or company, but were acting in concert with a Regiment from Virginia under the command of Colonel Christie of said State, who on joining the Carolina troops i.e., those to which this declarant belonged (which junction was effected at the Long Islands aforesaid) he (Colonel Christie) took the command of the whole expedition;--That this declarant continued in this term of service from the time of his entry into the same as aforesaid until a little prior to the Christmas following it: That it is impossible for him at this distant period to remember the precise day when he entered or left service aforesaid.

This declarant also in the month of November 1778 entered the service of the United States as a Substitute under the command of Colonel Hampton and Lieutenant Colonel Hamright (sic, Hambright), who were all the field officers belonging to said Regiment and whose Christian names are now unknown to this declarant; --That Captain Sallathile (sic, Salathiel) Martin, Lieutenant Leonard Bradley and Ensign Gibson were the officers of the company to which this declarant then belonged. That this declarant at the time of entering upon this tour of duty in the service aforesaid was still a resident of

the county and state aforesaid;--That after entering into the service aforesaid in the manner above named, this declarant, together with the Regiment and company to which he belonged marched through the counties of Roan (sic, Rowan) and Macklenburgh (sic, Mecklenburg) in the State of North Carolina, to the line between North and South Carolina and from thence immediately (but through what counties this declarant is not informed) to Charleston in the last named state;--That on their arrival at Charleston they were put under the command of General Lincoln, then stationed at said point;--That the object of calling this force to Charleston was to repel an attack threatened on said town by the British; as this declarant believes. That this declarant while stationed at said point became acquainted with Colonel Lytle and Major Nelson, regular officers: --That this declarant continued at said station until the 20 of March following his said enlistment, when he was regularly discharged by Colonel Hampton the commanding officer of his regiment.

This declarant also about the first [of] August 1780 entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Colonel Cleveland and Major Joseph Winston, who were the only field officers belonging to said regiment; Captain Minor Smith, Lieutenant Dalin (sic, Dillon?) Martin and this declarant who was the Ensign of said company, were the officers of said company on its first organization;--That this was a regiment of mounted riflemen; --That subsequent to entering into the service at this term, this declarant was appointed Issuing Commissary of said Regiment to which he then belonged; --That from the point of enlistment (i.e., Surry County NC) this declarant marched with the Regiment to which he then belonged, through the counties of Wilkes and Burke in the state of North Carolina, into the state of South Carolina (into what counties this declarant does not know) and thence to King's Mountain in said State, where this declarant and the Regiment to which he belonged, had an engagement with the British & Tories, which was afterwards known by the name of "Ferguson's defeat["]; that being the name of the British officer in command and he having been defeated and slain in said engagement, and many of his men taken prisoners; --That Campbell from the state of Virginia was commandant of this expedition; --That the Tories [who] were taken in this battle were marched to Surry County in the North Carolina and stationed at what were then called the Moravian Towns in said county, where this declarant with others was engaged in guarding them until sometime near Christmas, when this declarant having been dismissed returned home.

This declarant again in the last of May in the year 1781 entered the service of the United [States] as a substitute under the command of Colonel Melmadee (sic, Malmedy), the French officer of the regular troops, who is the only regimental field officer whose name is now recollected; Captain Hickman was commandant of the company in which this declarant then served and he is the only company officer whose name is now recollected; --That Gen. Greene was commandant of this expedition, the object of which was as this declarant believes, to prevent the British who then had possession of Charleston, from spreading over the country; --That after enlistment this declarant marched through the counties of Roan (sic, Rowan) and Macklenburgh (sic, Mecklenburg) in North Carolina to Camden in South Carolina and after a three month tour, got his discharge, which was written by Colonel Malmedy and returned home.

This declarant again in the month of October in the year 1781 entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Colonel Smith and Major

Grimes, Regimental Field officers; Captain Robert Hill, Lieutenant John Martin, and this declarant who was Ensign or Coronet were the officers of the company, to which this declarant belonged. This was a Regiment or Squadron of mounted Riflemen (except one company belonging to the same, the members of which were armed as light horsemen); That this declarant and the regiment and company to which he belonged after enlistment marched from the county of Surry in the State aforesaid, through the counties of Guilford and Randolph in said State of North Carolina, thence down Cape Fear [River] to Wilmington in said State; --That the object of this expedition as this declarant was then informed and yet believes was to dislodge a detachment left by Lord Cornwallis in said town of Wilmington; --That on the arrival of the United States force in which this declarant served as aforesaid at Wilmington, that British detachment stationed there as aforesaid had evacuated said place news having reached there as it was supposed of the surrender of Cornwallis; That after a service of three months under this engagement, this declarant was honorably dismissed & returned home.

And in answer to the interrogatories now here propounded unto him by the Court, this declarant saith:

1. That he was born in Surry County in the State of North Carolina in the year of our Lord 1760.
2. That he hath no record of his age.
3. That when called into the service, he was a resident of Surry County in the State of North Carolina where he resided until the year 1813, since which time he has lived in the states of Kentucky & Tennessee & now resides in Nineveh Township, Johnson County, Indiana.
4. That for the first term of his service in the War of the Revolution he was drafted. The second term he entered as a substitute; the third as a volunteer; the fourth as a substitute; and the fifth as a volunteer; that the first time he served as a substitute in place of [?] Blackburn and the second time in place of _____[blank in original].
5. That Colonel Christie of Virginia was with the troops with whom this declarant served in his first engagement of service and whom this declarant believes was a regular officer. In his second tour & while stationed at Charleston, Genl. Lincoln, Col. Lytle & Maj. Nelson regular officers were with the troops where this declarant served. In the fourth tour which this declarant served, Gen. Greene and Col. Melmada (sic, Malmady) regular officers were with the troops with which he served. The terms or engagements of service which this declarant entered into were originally for three months each in some of which however this declarant served longer than that period before he was discharged or dismissed.
6. That he received several discharges one of which was written given by Col. Hampton and another by Col. Malmady both of which are now, from length of time, and in consequence of his carelessness in preserving them (never until the passage of the late act of Congress having expected to be able to derive any advantage from them) lost; That he is uncertain whether he ever received a commission or not.
7. That he is known to John Thompson and Richard Perry whose affidavits are hereunto affixed.

This declarant hath no documentary evidence of his service in the War of the Revolution nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can

testify for him. Herewith he submits the affidavit of Richard Perry whose father served with this declarant in the War of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except this present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Laurence Angell

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[There is attached to this application a later affidavit by Angell amending and supplementing his earlier declaration to add the certificate of a resident clergyman, Elijah Bowling. This affidavit the declarant signed "Lawrence Angel." Both signatures are very clear and legible.]