

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Windham R11701

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State of Tennessee, Hamilton County

On the sixth day of December in the year 1841 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Hamilton County in the State of Tennessee aforesaid now sitting William Windham a resident of the County of Hamilton in the State aforesaid, aged seventy seven 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 seventh June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that he first entered said service under Colonel Maurice Murfree [sic, Maurice Murphy or Morris Murphy] in Captain Malachia Murfree's [sic, Malachi Murphy's] company and was under General Marion's [Francis Marion's] command in South Carolina, and was first rendezvoused at Marlborough Courthouse in said last mentioned State, and was stationed sometimes at one place and sometimes at another on Big Pee Dee [River] and also on Little Pee Dee [River], he was during his service marched to Mars Bluff on Big Pee Dee about fifteen or sixteen miles above Georgetown, where he remained about a month, from there was marched to Cassaway [sic, Cashua ?] ferry on Big Pee Dee, which was a place of general rendezvous of the Regiment of Col. Murphy during the service of this applicant. This applicant was in an engagement at Brown's Mills with the Tories who were commanded by Colonels Gainey & Fannin [David Fannin], Captain Malachi Murphy commanded the Whigs in this engagement. This applicant was in another engagement at Gibson's Ferry on Little Pee Dee in North Carolina still under Captain Murphy. He resided in Marion district when he entered the service in South Carolina. He states that he was acquainted with Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and Colonel Washington [William Washington] but was not at any time stationed with the Continental troops; that he is wholly illiterate and is unable to give the date or times of his entering the service or his being discharged from it. He states that he entered the service at the instance and suggestion of his father and uncles, when quite a youth, about fourteen or fifteen years old, that he has no documentary evidence of his services or record of his age; that he had a written discharge from Col. Murphy, but it was left by him in his father's possession, and has been long since lost or destroyed, and that he knows of no person whose evidence he can obtain by whom to prove his services. He states that he served four years under Captain Murphy, that his service ended when peace was made.

He 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 in the United States.

S/ William Windham, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ B. B. Carmon [Cannon?], D. Clk

We, Thomas W. Spicer and Solomon P. Mitchell residing in the County of Hamilton and State of Tennessee hereby certify that we all well acquainted with the William Windham who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be 77 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the fourth day of December 1841.

S/ T. W. Spicer

S/ Solomon P. Mitchell

S/ B. B. Carmon [Cannon?], D. Clk.

And the said court do hereby declare that there is no clergyman residing in the neighborhood

where said applicant resides upon whom he can call to certify for him. And the said court do also declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And the court further certifies that it appears to them that Thomas W. Spicer and Solomon P. Mitchell whose names are subscribed to the preceding certificate are residents of Hamilton County, that they are credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.

State of Tennessee, Hamilton County

I, Asahel Rawlings, Clerk of the County court of said County by my deputy to hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of William Windham for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this sixth day of December AD 1841.

S/ Asahel Rawlings, Clerk,
by S/ B. B. Carmon [Cannon?], D. C.