

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of George Hammond R4553

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[Punctuation and spelling modified for clarity]

State of North Carolina, Anson County

On this 14 day of November 1834 J. James Gordon one of the acting Justices of the Peace of Anson County at the house of George Hammond, he being very infirmed aged 84 years, he being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he was a volunteer and served in behalf of the United States; called out by the authority of the State of North Carolina; marched under Col. Thomas Wade of Anson County in Capt. Patrick Boggan's Company to keep under the Tories in Anson County & the adjoining county. He was a private and served with the horse troops, the month or year not recollected. He also served a tour under Col. Wade in Capt. Boggan's company of light horse march to South Carolina near Camden; there had a skirmish with the British grass [?] Guard; that party fled, we then joined Gen. Gates' [Horatio Gates'] army a day or two before the Battle in Camden; was in the Battle at Gates' defeat and thinks he was in Gen. Caswell's [Richard Caswell's] Regiment but is not certain. Also was in service and served a tour in Capt. John Dejarnett's Company; marched to little Pee Dee River, then to court house in pursuit of British & Tories; the month or year not recollected. He deposeseth 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 that six months in actual service. I have no papers to prove my service nor do I know of any person now living by whom I could.

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born.

Answer. In the State of Virginia, Richmond County, February 25th 1750.

Question 2. Have you any record of your age if so where is it.

Answer. Yes, in a family bible kept by my father of his children's ages.

Question 3. Where were you living when called into service, and where have you lived ever since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer. I lived in Anson County, North Carolina when called into service, and have continued to live there yet.

Question 4. How were you called into service. Were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer. A volunteer.

Question 5. 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 & the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Gen. Gates, Col. Williams, Col. Wade, Major Hair, Capt. Boggan, Capt. Dejarnett, and Capt. Gimerson [? Jamison?]. There were militia officers at the time of my service, Gen. Gates was a Continental Officer.

Question 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer. I don't recollect ever receiving a discharge.

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

Answer. Rev. Joel Gulledge, Burrel Horn, Benjamin D. Henry.

He hereby relinquishes ever claim to a pension what ever or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any State. The reason for not asking application sooner being in [illegible word] circumstances & not certain he was entitled to a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed this day & year above.

George Hammond, X his mark