

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Hood S21289

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State of Tennessee, Jackson County Court: November Session 1834 of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On this 12th day of November in the year 1834, personally appeared in open court before the worshipful Sampson W. Cassetty, John Swazy, ~~William P. Hampton~~, Martin Gore Justices presiding and holding said court, the same being a court of record, Thomas Hood, a resident citizen of the County of Jackson in the State of Tennessee aged seventy one years past, who being first duly sworn according to the laws of the land, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the War of the revolution; the date he cannot recollect, but must refer to the facts and details of his service for that purpose. He first volunteered for a tour of four months, in the County of Berk [sic, Burke] in the State of North Carolina in the Spring season of the year, and joined a company commanded by Captain William Reed, Lieutenant James McKnight, Ensign Joshua Freeman, marched to John's River in the same County, and there joined a regiment commanded by Col Robert Holmes; marched from that place to a fort on the head of John's River, and was there stationed to guard the frontiers from the hostile Indians, and there continued, sometimes in scouting service, until his whole tour of four months was expired. Went out in the month of April: one morning the Ensign, himself and another soldier went out from the fort spying or looking for Indian signs. They separated, and he was left alone. Three Indians fired on him, but missed, except that one shot him through the hat; he fired; killed one and escaped to the fort and was pursued by the other two to near the fort when they were fired on and one shot This was the only difficulty he had while performing this tour. He served his full tour of four months, and was discharged by hand, and returned home.

In September of the next year again entered the service of the United States in the war of the revolution as a substitute for his father John Hood, for a tour of three months in the same County of Burke, and joined a company commanded by Captain Charles Forrester; the names of the Lieutenant and Ensign not recollected. They were strangers to him having no further or other acquaintance than during his tour of service, their names have escaped his recollection. The company to which he belonged marched to the same fort on the head of John's River. There were three companies there, Col. Holmes had left that place and as he learned had gone to

Wilmington, and Major Taylor had the command. He continued at this fort and in the neighborhood, guarding the frontiers as before during this tour. He states he served out his full tour of three months and was discharged by Captain Forrester (but not in writing) and returned home again.

About the last of February in the next year in the same Count of Burke, he was drafted for a tour of three months and joined a company commanded by Captain William Morrison, Lieutenant Richard Brown, Ensign George Brown. The company shortly thereafter marched to the same fort and Major Taylor had the command. He states he performed the same kind of service as before scouting about in small parties guarding the frontiers. He was in no engagement himself, but other parties were as he heard and

believes. There was but one of the men wounded as he recollects There were five Indians killed. He states he served out his full tour of three months, and was discharged in writing by his Captain (Morrison) and again returned home.

He states that this closed his service as a soldier of the revolution and while he would state that he is illiterate and cannot give dates, yet he can positively state that it was during and also before the close of the revolutionary last tour the same fall Cornwallis was taken. He states he has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any witness by whom he can prove his services or any part thereof.

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.

S/ Thomas Hood, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court November 12th 1834.

_____ Clk Answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

I was born in Halifax County Virginia and at two years old (as I learned) removed to Burke County North Carolina.

I have no record of my age, but from the best account I have of my age I was born in 1762. There is a record of my age in my fathers Family Bible, which is as I believe in the possession of an Uncle by the name of John Chapman in North Carolina.

When called into service I was living in Burke County North Carolina. Since the revolution I have lived: first I removed to Pendleton, then Greenville district South

Carolina; from there to Roane County, Tennessee; from there to Jackson County Tennessee, where I have resided for fourteen years.

I went out the first tour a volunteer; second [tour] as substitute for my father John Hood; the third I was drafted. I can say nothing more of officers than I have already said as my service was on the frontier, nor can I give a better detail of the circumstances.

I never received but one written discharge that was from Captain Morrison and it has been lost by some casualty.

I believe my neighbors will testify to my character for veracity and my reputation as a soldier of the revolution. I will name Solomon Barnes, George Brown, Henry Harriford, Edward Brown and many more.

S/ Thomas Hood, X his mark

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S/ J. Turner Clk