

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Pugh Cannon S3139

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State of Tennessee, Maury County: Court of Pleas and quarter session July Term 1823.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1823 personally appeared in open court being a court of record, proceeding according to the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of their proceedings for the County of Maury and State of Tennessee aforesaid. Pugh Cannon aged about sixty two years resident in said county of Maury and State of Tennessee who first being duly sworn according to law doth affirm and on his oath declare and make the following statements of facts in order to obtain the provisions made by Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820. That the said Pugh Cannon served as a private soldier in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit. That in the year 1777 about the month May he entered into service under Captain Henry Cannon which company belonged to Col. Waddy['s][Waddle's?] Regiment which was commanded by General Samuel Ash [Samuel Ashe? or a mistaken attempt to name BG John Ashe?]. That he entered the service at Wilmington North Carolina and served a term of three months. That he was at the time of entering into service between the ages of Sixteen and Seventeen years. That in the year 1778 he volunteered under Captain Downes in North Carolina which company belonged to Col. Caswell's Regiment which was under the command of Maj. Genl. Ash, that he served twelve months and was stationed in a fort at Point Lookout in North Carolina. That sometime in the year 1779 he volunteered and served a three month term under Captain David Roach which was commanded by Brigadier Genl. Caswell [Richard Caswell] and soon after joined General Gates [Horatio Gates]. That in the same year he volunteered under Captain Alexander Mabin [Alexander Mebane] which company was commanded by Col. Francis Lewis. That he served twelve months in the State troops and after that time he served in a company of Cavalry under the command of Captain John Allen which was under the command of General William Bryant, in North Carolina. That he was in several skirmishes with the British, and tribes of that state, and that in pursuance of an act of Congress of 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that I was a resident of the United States of America on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or to any part thereof so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States during the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818. And that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, accounts, contracts or credits [sic, debts?] due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed that his Family consists of himself and his Wife and two Female Children, that his occupation when able to labour is that of a Blacksmith, that he has met with misfortune to lose his left leg which from disease he has been -compelled to have amputated, that he is aged and infirm, that his wife Rainey who is his second wife is aged forty five years, that she is much afflicted with rheumatic pains and is unable to labour any of consequence, that his daughter Lucy is aged about nineteen years, his daughter Sally is aged between seventeen and eighteen years, that his two daughters are dependent upon him for a support, that his only dependence for a support for himself and his

helpless Family is upon his own feeble exertions that he is unable to support himself by his own actions, and is under the necessity of asking assistance of his government.

Schedule of Property

Wearing apparel - one set of shoe makers tools - one chopping axe worth three dollars. That he is indebted about two hundred dollars, that he has open accounts due to him for forty dollars or thereabouts some of which are on insolvent men as he believes that this is the only property of which he owns either real or Personal upon truth.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 28<sup>th</sup> July 1823

(Signed) Pugh Cannon

S/ Joseph B. Porter, Clk.

State of Tennessee, McNairy County

On this the twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of our Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting for said county Pugh Cannon a resident of McNairy County in the State of Tennessee aged seventy two 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

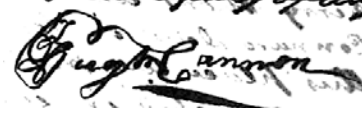
That he was born in Craven County, State of North Carolina on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1761 agreeable to the record of my age which I have now in my possession and the same copied from my Father's large Family Bible. Hear [sic, Here] I continued to reside until the spring of the year 1777 as well as he now recollects when he entered the service of the United States in Craven County North Carolina as a volunteer soldier for the term of three months under Captain Henry Cannon and Col. John Tilman, my company having joined the Regiment of Col. Tilman at Newbourne [sic, New Bern] in North Carolina. From here we marched directly to Wilmington North Carolina. Here we joined General Ash. We marched to Wilmington for the purpose of protecting that place from the British which was expected to land there. Here we continued until my term of three months was expired when I was discharged having received a written discharge but the same is now lost or destroyed.

In the year 1780 a few days after the fall of Charleston in South Carolina I joined Genl. Marion [Francis Marion] near Charleston when we marched to Orange County, North Carolina. Here I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier under Capt. Alexander Mabine [Mebane], Maj. Crafton, and Col. Francis Lewis so soon as I joined the army at this time which was some time he thinks in January 1781 we marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina. Here we stayed about two months. He recollects the legislature of that state was in session and continued there until after they had adjourned, then we marched to the haw fields on the Haw river. Here we stayed but a very short time. Then we marched to a place called Connard Done [?] in Randolph County, North Carolina. This place we made our headquarters. From here we marched in every direction in small parties through Randolph and the neighboring counties for the purpose of keeping down the Tories which was very troublesome at that time. While we was out on a scout we took twenty five Tories prisoner and sent them to Hillsborough. Here I continued for a long time. Then we marched to Hillsborough where I was discharged having received a written discharge signed by my Captain but the same is now lost or destroyed. How long I served in this Tour I am now unable to say from the great length of time, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, but I am positive I served not less than nine months for which services he claims a pension. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He is well acquainted with Parson Francis Beard and Mishack Inman both of my neighborhood. They can testify as to my good behavior and their belief and the neighborhood's belief of my being a soldier of the Revolution. I lived in Craven County about two years after the Revolution then I moved to Winton County [now Barnwell County] South Carolina and lived there four years, then I moved to Burk [sic, Burke] County in Georgia and lived there two years then I moved to Wilks [sic, Wilkes] County Georgia and lived there three years,

then I moved to Sevier County Tennessee and lived there two years, then to Blount County Tennessee and lived there eight years, then I moved to Williamson County Tennessee and lived there one year, then I moved to Maury County Tennessee and lived there twelve or thirteen years, then I moved to McNairy County Tennessee where he now lives. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Pugh Cannon

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pugh Cannon". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. There are some faint, illegible markings above and below the signature, possibly from a stamp or another document.

S/ Wm S. Wisdom, Clk

[Francis Beard a clergyman and Meshach Inman give the standard certificate of reputation for veracity, age and belief of services as a revolutionary soldier.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service in the North Carolina militia.]