

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Ansel Cunningham S31636 VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 28 May 2013.

Georgia } Personally appeared before us in open Court Ansell Cunningham a Resident  
Jackson County } of the State & County aforesaid aged sixty eight years who being first sworn as  
the Law directs doth 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 fifteenth  
year of his age as a substitute for John Tubby under the following named officers, and served as herein  
stated. that he entered the service in the State of Virginia and County of Mecklinburg [sic: Mecklenburg]  
in year 1779 under Capt Reuben Vaughn, Genl Francis Mason Col L Burrell [sic: Lewis Burwell] were the  
field officers. I marched to South Carolina joined Genl [Benjamin] Lincoln at head Quarters, was in the  
Battle at Stono River [Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779] and in an engagement the day before in a  
scouting party and took two small vessel on Stono River– that I entered the service in the winter season  
perhaps January and was discharged in last of July or first of August following having served a six  
months Tour– my discharge is lost or mislaid so that I have no way to establish the same, as all of my  
officers I believe to be Dead, and I know of but one of the soldiers living who served with me and we  
lived in the same mess together that is James H Kidd [pension application S16436] whose testimony  
accompanys this declaration — I was borned and lived in the County of Mecklinburg in the State of  
Virginia and lived there several years after the war– I think about 1778 [sic] I then moved to Georgia  
where I have lived ever since am now a Resident of this County —

and I also was Drafted and went out an other Tour and served six months under Richard Whitton  
as Capt and Major Wadkins [possibly Thomas Watkins] and Colo. [St. George] Tucker and Genl [Robert]  
Lawson & Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben] marched to James River had a scurmish at the Pointy fork of  
James River [sic: Point of Fork near present Columbia VA; 5 Jun 1781] and after Remaining there a while,  
moved back & crossed James River at Tucker Woods or ferry marched on and joined LaFayette near or  
below Richmond, and near old James Town had an encounter with the British, followed Cornwallis on to  
Little York, term of service expired & was discharged

Sworn to and subscribed this sixth day of November 1832 [signed] Ansel Cunningham

[6 May 1833]

Georgia } My Claim for a Pension under the Act of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 – having  
Jackson County } been Returned on account of Deficiency or informality I make the additional  
Declaration and Answers to the Interrogatorys as laid down by the Rules of Warr Department.

That with Regard to my first Tour of service as mentioned in my Declaration I have no other  
witness but James H Kidd whose affidavit accompanied the Declaration which seems to be all that is  
Required by the Rules of the Department for militia men volunteers and State Troops – That with Regard  
to my Claim for the second tour of six months

I have no living tistimony that I now know of and have no person establish the same but by my own oath  
as Done before –

Answers to the Interrogatories as laid Down by the Department

1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory – I was Borned in Mecklinburgh County Virginia in the year 1763 – July 27<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Interrogatory – I have no Record now of my age

3<sup>rd</sup> Interrogatory – I was Living in Mecklinburg County Virginia when caled into service and Lived in  
said County several years after the war then moved to Wilks [sic: Wilkes] County Georgia where I Lived  
untill 1812 when I moved this County where I have Lived Ever since and now Live

4<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory – I was a substitute in my first Tour in the Place of John Stephens – my Last Tour I was

drafted

5<sup>th</sup> Interrogetory – My officers in my first Tour was Capt Reuben Vaughn – Major Pettis – Col Lew Burrell  
Genl Mason – my second Tour was under Capt Richard Whitton Major Wadkin Col Tucker genl  
Lawson

the first service done in South Carlina, the Last in Virginia

6<sup>th</sup> Interrogetory – I Received a discharge from my officers but have Lost it

7<sup>th</sup> Interrogetory – I am known to Reuben Thornton and David Witt

NOTES:

Note the discrepancies in the claimed age, year of entering service, and date of birth.

A Treasury-Department document states that Cunningham's widow received his final pension payment up to 24 Aug 1840, the probable date of his death.

Compare the pension applications of James H. Kidd (S16436) and James Cunningham (S8268).