

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Tobias Honea S31761

f39NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

5/16/11 & 10/26/14

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 6]

State of Georgia Meriwether County: SS

On this fifth day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior County Court of said County Tobias Honea, a resident of said County & State, aged seventy years since the 28th of April last, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

1st That he was born in Nash County North Carolina, on the 28th of April 1762 where he was raised & lived until after the Revolution & there he had a record of his age; his first service he entered a volunteer private militia, Infantry, he thinks in March 1780, enlisted under Captain William Hall, Hardy Griffin Major, & ___ Kenan [James Kenan] Colonel for a tour of three months by State authority which term he served out fully, rendezvoused at Nash Court House marched thence to Smithfield North Carolina thence to Rockfish Creek near Wilmington where he had a battle [also known as the engagement at Legat's Bridge, May 13, 1781] with the British & Tories, his party were defeated with the loss of several privates killed & made prisoners & his Captain wounded severely by a sword cut in the head this in June 1780, after retreating & collecting again were discharged at Neuse River North Carolina by Major Hardy Griffin by written discharge, which he has long since lost.

2nd Entered as a volunteer private Militia, Cavalry, he thinks in September or October 1781, under State authority for two months, enlisted under Captain William Ferrell, Hardy Griffin Major, Thomas Clinch Colonel, rendezvoused at Nash Court house, marched thence to Hillsboro North Carolina thence scouted the country against the British & particularly the Tories through the Haw River & Haw field settlements to the mouth of Deep River, was at Halifax Town North Carolina at the time of the siege of York Town, Virginia, was discharged on return march at Raleigh North Carolina in October or November 1781 by Major Hardy Griffin by written discharge which he has long since lost. – This expedition was specially to protect the inhabitants against the Tories, commanded by me in by the name of Fannin [David Fanning] as their Colonel, who were very troublesome.

3rd – Entered as a volunteer private militia, Infantry, enlisted in Sampson Court house North Carolina under Captain John Taylor, Sharp Major, Blount Colonel, the whole commanded by General Butler [John Butler], under the authority of the State commencing in October or November 1781 which was the first tour of service, this term of three months which he served out fully from place of rendezvous marched towards Virginia for the purpose of joining General

Greene [Nathanael Greene], had just got into Virginia it was said when this order was countermanded, returned & marched into Wilmington North Carolina which was at that time in possession of the British, reconnoitered & protected the country low down in that part of North Carolina particularly that part known & called then the "North East of Cape Fear" where he was in a severe skirmish with the British across an arm of Cape Fear River in which the British were routed, was discharged at this place, the "North East of Cape Fear", where the troops had been stationed sometime in January or February 1782 by written discharge which he has long since lost.

4th – Entered as a Volunteer private Militia, Infantry, by State authority for twelve months, went from Nash County North Carolina with Lieutenant Whitaker & Captains Bluer & Booker rendezvoused at Halifax Town North Carolina in February 1782, after enlisting there marched thence to Bacons Bridge South Carolina where General Greene was stationed with a large Army & where he was arranged under the command of Captain Coleman, after being here a month or so when taken sick with the bloody flux which confined him about seven weeks & from which he was a very long time fully recovering; during his severe his sickness was put into the Hospital & whilst there General Greene advanced lower down & nearer to Charleston & took a position on Ashley River as he understood, on his getting well enough to think of doing service again and was discharged on furlough to go home, being still in bad health, his company to having gone towards Wilmington North Carolina, the principal Army too being in a course of disbanding & parties being detached merely to take possession of places evacuated by the British under the prospects then of approaching peace, & to protect the public property &c. On getting home reported himself to Thomas Hunter Colonel of his County. Had no written discharge. His actual service in this campaign was six months or more; though enlisted for 12 months sickness first prevented & the Army dispersing rendered its further fulfillment unnecessary – Discharge in August 1782.

Summary of Service

1st service 3 months

2nd service 2 ditto

3rd service 3 ditto

4th service 6 ditto

14 months service in all

After the Revolution removed from North Carolina to Pendleton district South Carolina where he lived 18 or 19 years, removed thence to Gwinnett County Georgia, thence to DeKalb County Georgia, thence to Carroll County, Georgia & thence to where he now lives. His neighbors are Jesse Taylor Lewis Fay & his character as a Revolutionary soldier is well known by John W Hooper of DeKalb County, Solicitor General Chatchouchy [Chattahoochee] Circuit

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. And that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services as here with set forth, & that he has no original documentary evidence to present in proof or corroboration of the same, all Revolutionary vouchers which he ever had having long since been lost or destroyed.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, now sitting, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Bailey, JIC

S/ Tobias Honea, X his mark

[Jesse Taylor and Lewis Fay gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 3: On March 13, 1838 in Vinton County Alabama, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefits to the Alabama agency giving as his reason for moving to Alabama that all of his children had removed to that state.]

[p 33: On October 16, 1814 in Meriwether County Georgia, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Alabama agency to the Georgia agency having moved to Meriwether County Georgia where he states he intends to remain; he gave as his reason for removing from Alabama that his health and the climate of Alabama disagreeing with him he has returned to Georgia.]

[p 19: A letter dated January 1841 contains a statement that the veteran died about the 25th of December last.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]