

Hugh Larrimore Revolutionary War Pension Application # 16913 &
23043 given at McMinn county, Tennessee

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He entered the service in the militia of North Carolina at the age of 16 years in November 1776 in Guilford County, under Col. Hampton, Captain _____addy Tate and Lt. John Davis, and served four months. He was in no battle, but served out his time, that was discharged at Camden, S.C. When his term of service expired, a number of the corps to which declarant belonged, enlisted for three years. Declarant returned home to his mother who was a widow, and who then moved to Caswell Co., N. C. Declarant again entered the service for 4 months, and was for a while under the order of a Major Campbell, of the regular service as declarant understood, whose Christina names declarant believes was James. The rendezvous of the troops was now at Guilford courthouse whence they were marched under Campbell's orders to the town of Charlotte, where the company elected a captain whose name was James Frost. Their lieutenant was Isham Hancock, and they were attached to Col. Hamptons regiment. They were marched to Charleston, where declarant saw several of his acquaintances in the first tour, whose term of service was just then expiring, and they were returning home. From these circumstances alone, declarant is able to say that the year was 1779, as those troops had listed? For 3 years in the early part of 1777, or latter part of 1776. While declarant was at Charleston in this second tour, the enemy formed the siege of that placed. Declarant saw the Boston, the Ranger and a French vessel given up to the city pursued by the British vessels, and land their guns in the wharf. The British landed on James Island, and marched by land up the Ashley river, and placed? some guns in a position to bombard the town. Either the Boston or Ranger went up the river, and tried to dislodge them but failed. A British vessel made an attempt to approach the city through Nappoo? Inlet and by in_____ing the Ashley river. It raised a great alarm. The vessel was fired upon from a fort on the side of the river on which the city is, and was repelled. About this time his term of service expired, and he returned home. His mother was married, and declarants services not being needed at home, he joined the state troops as a volunteer for the balance of the war, in the Regiments of Col. William O Niel, in Captain Edmund Gwinn's company, William Gwinn lieutenant, and continued in this service until peace was made.

Declarant _____ird which this service continued, in the bounds of Gwinn's Company; and on one occasion, when Gen'l Gwin was about to engage Cornwallis on Allance river, he called the state troops into service, or rather ca_____ them to be concentrated, and declarant, with the rest of the army, was draw? Up in order to battle. The advance position? Of the armies met, and had a hot skirmish, but Cornwallis d_____ a general engagement, which declarant understood Genl Spear was desirous of bringing on? The corps to which applicant belonged had their rendezvous at Col. William O Neil's, 25 miles above Hillsboro; and was engaged principally in Orange and Rowan counties, and on the waters of Deep river. The services performed by these troops was to keep the Tories in check, and Cross Creek, a water of Cape Fear river was near the center of their settlement. The Tories were commanded by Col. Fanning? or Fanne? This Col. Fanning, on one occasion, robbed a public tan____? yard, kept by the Dowdies, O Neil

being informed of this by Capt. Gwinn, pursued? and overtook them in the afternoon of the day of the robbery, and a pretty warm battle ensued?, in which the Tories lost 9 killed, and 14 taken. Declarant was in this skirmish. These troops were also engaged in guarding the mills in their neighborhood, and initially that of one other? ___ate?.

Declarant received written discharges at the end of each of the aforesaid terms of service, but they are long since lost and cannot be produced. He knows of no person, who is _____ to him, who has a personal knowledge of his services.

3 September 1832

Background

Hugh Larimore was born in Virginia in 1760 and enlisted to fight in Guilford County North Carolina in 1776. He served in North Carolina and South Carolina. Hugh married Fanny Rowland in the late 1770's. They had moved to Grainger County, Tennessee by 1785. In 1820 they were living in Jefferson County, Tennessee. By 1830 they were living in McMinn County, TN when he applied for his Revolutionary War pension. In 1838 he and his wife moved with his son Roland and wife Mary Polly McFarland Larimore to Cooper County, Missouri. Hugh died around 1848. In 2000 a Revolutionary War marker was placed on Hugh's grave in Pisgah Baptist Church cemetery in Cooper County, Missouri.