

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Runyan [filed only in the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh; there is no record of this application ever being submitted to or acted upon by the War Department]

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State of North Carolina, Haywood County, Superior Court of Law, October Term 1829

On this 10th day of October 1829 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for said County of Haywood in the 6th Judicial District of North Carolina, John Runyan, aged Seventy seven years, & being a resident of said Haywood County, who first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, that he was enlisted by Captain Thomas Arthur for eighteen months, that he belonged, & was attached to the 24th Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line, that he rendezvoused at Petersburg, & while there, his Colonel was Colonel Alexander Parker, & his Captain was Thomas Arthur, that he was at the siege of Savannah & at the battle of Little York, & was regularly discharged at the close of the war at Petersburg by General Muhlenberg, that he has lost the certificate of his discharge & has no means of proving that he served as aforesaid save by the muster roll deposited in the War Department, & by the affirmation & oath of Thomas Shepard & Nancy Shepard, who remained with his family while he was absent in the service of the United Confederated States, that he is incapable of supporting himself, that, that he has no family with him but his wife, his children having married & gone off in different parts of the United States, that some are still remaining in this County & that he lives with first with one & then another, that he has no property of any account, not even of the value of ten dollars, saving his wearing apparel, & his bed & furniture & I John Runyan do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, & that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March 1818, & that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than the means of living contained in the schedule hereto annexed, & by me subscribed (to wit):

one bed & furniture at \$10.00 & my wearing apparel.

Subscribed to in open court October 10th 1829

S/ John B. Love, Clerk

S/ John Runyan, X his mark

I, Thomas Shepard upon my oath do say that the said John Runyan was enlisted by said Thomas

Arthur & that I was present at the time he enlisted, & that he went off with the said Thomas Arthur, that he was absent from his family about two years, & that he returned after the capture of Cornwallis, that he was present when he showed his certificate to his old Captain, the said Arthur, who told him that it was regular - Arthur resided in Virginia, being near to that of John Runyan, & that the schedule returned & sworn by him is true to the best of my belief.

Sworn in open court October 10th, 1829

S/ John B. Love, Clerk

S/ Thomas Shepard, X his mark