

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Isaac Sowell [NC4]

North Carolina petition

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, now Sitting

The petition of John Sowell of Moore County - Humbly Saith, That your Petitioner as heir at Law of Isaac Sowell who died in the Service of this state in the continental line, in General Greene camp in South Carolina during the American Revolution, conceive himself entitled to the quantity of land that the state has granted to the heirs of those who died in service, but your Petitioner being ignorant of such Grant, or being so entitled, until some short time since, made application to the secretary of state for a Land Warrant immediately after he came acquainted with his claim, but on examining the returns and muster rolls in the secretary's office, the name of Isaac Sowell is on the muster roll returned or marked Deserted. your Petitioner therefore could not obtain a warrant from the secretary as he was entitled.

Your Petitioner can produce a cloud of Testimony to show that his Father died in the American service as above mentioned, and that the return on the muster roll in the secretary's office is erroneous. He therefore conceive it a cruel Hardship to be deprived of his right by the errors of returning officers or of transcribers, as the Bar to his claims must have originated with them. Your Petitioner relying with full confidence on the equity of his claim, commits the merit of his case to the Rectitude, the Justice and Humanity of your Honorable Body, as the only source from whence he can obtain relief, with full reliance that the testimony which accompany this will induce your Honorable Body to have a warrant issued for your Petitioner as Heir at Law to said Sowell, as he can produce the most undoubted proof that he died in the American Service as aforesaid and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray

S/ John Sowell

Moore County Dec 5th 1806

In the House of Commons 15 Dec 1806 read and refd to the Committee appointed to confer with the Secretary - By order J.Hart

In Senate December 15th 1806 - Read and referred as by the House of Commons, By order L. Stokes Clk

North Carolina, Moore County

Personally appeared before me Murdock Martin one of the Justices of the peace for said County, Neil McLeod and Thomas Graham and being duly sworn Depose and Say that they were acquainted with Isaac Sowell who went into the American Service as a private soldier towards the latter end of the American Revolution, and that they always heard that he died in General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] camp in South Carolina, that they have been acquainted with his family before and since his entering into the service and that they are convinced the said Sowell never returned to his family, to which he formerly paid Great attention – and they further say that it was reported by soldiers that served with him that he died in the hospital while in Service

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 3rd Dec 1806

Test: S/ Murdock Martin JP

S/ Neil McLeod

S/ Thomas Graham

North Carolina, Moore County

John McLeod of Montgomery County personally appeared before me Neil McLeod one of the Justices of the peace for said county and being duly sworn Depose and Saith, that he served in the first Battalion of the North Carolina Regiment, in Captain Anthony Sharpe company, commanded by Colonel John Armstrong in the American Service in the Revolutionary War And he further depose that Isaac Sowell was a private in said Regiment in Captain Moore's Company - and he further Depose and saith that he was creditably informed by several of the soldiers of said Regiment, that he

the said Sowell was sent to the General hospital for recovery of his health, and further saith that when enquiring of the soldiers about said Sowell Several of them told him, the said John McLeod that the aforesaid Isaac Sowell had Died in said hospital and was buried on Ashley Hill in the State of South Carolina and this Deponent further saith, that all the above information Concerning his going to the hospital and dying there, he received while encamped on Ashley Hill.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 3rd December 1806

S/ John McLeod

S/ Neil McLeod JP

North Carolina, Moore County

Hector McNeil¹ personally appeared before me Murdock McAuley one of the Justices of the peace for said County and being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he served in the 2nd Battalion of the North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong in the American Service in the Revolutionary War. And he further Deposeth that Isaac Sowell was a private in said Regiment in the Company of Elijah Moore, and that he was present, when said Sowell was sent to the hospital for the recovery of his health and that in a few days, news came into the camp, that the said Sowell died in said hospital, while encamped on Ashley Hill under the command of General Greene and he further saith that he and said Sowell were in one mess while in Service, and that he went to the hospital to Enquire about the Death of said Sowell, and that he was shown the Ground wherein he was buried, and that he was told there were some few Clothes in the hospital that belonged to him.

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 1st December 1806

S/ Hector McNeill, X his mark

Test: S/ Murdoch McAulay