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Pension application of John Turner R10756

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South Carolina Marion District: Court of Common Pleas Fall Term 1832

On this the 13th of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas John Turner a Resident of the District and State aforesaid aged sixty-seven years, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th A.D. 1832. That he was born in Martin County North Carolina on the Roanoke River about the year 1765. He has no record of his age & as to this point speaks from recollection entirely. He was living in Marion District (at that time called a part of Craven County) when he was drafted & marched under Captain Thomas Warley to General Francis Marion's Camp at a place called Blufort [sic?] on the South side of Santee River South Carolina went on from there to Watboo [sic, Wadboo] -- thence to Leneud's ferry on Santee River where Deponent with 11 others were stationed as a guard to prevent the Tories from joining the British then in Charleston. He was drafted for one month & when that time expired he returned to Marion. 2 months afterwards he rejoined Marion (General) at Wadboo bridge -- after staying there a few days, Marion sent 17 of his men to John's Island near Charleston as a guard to prevent the Negroes and others as far as they could from trading with the British. Stayed there 18 days & returned to General Marion at Wadboo where he remained his time out. He then came home to Marion District & being drafted again was marching down to Wadboo when the news reached his company that the British had left Charleston & the company was discharged & returned home. The balance of his service was spent in pursuing the Tories on Little Pedee [River] & in Robeson County. He was drafted for this purpose & supposes that he must have served 2 years. The character of his Service was this. The Tories were constantly making eruptions on the Country adjacent to the album: particularly the Districts of Marlborough & of Marion. This rendered it necessary to keep a constant lookout for them & to follow after them whenever they could be found. In this employment deponent was engaged irregularly sometimes a day at a time & the longest time 10 days -- he tours of which he was drafted & served with Marion were the ease. The company in which he was, was divided into 3 parts: one third of them were in service from home for one month at a time & the other 2/3 remained at home to protect their houses from the incursions of the Tories so that, although he was but little more than 2 months abroad in General Marion's Camp, yet he was compelled to turn out when at home during the other 4 months making 6 months of service as above described in addition to the time spent in incursions during the 2 years above mentioned. Since the Revolutionary War he has lived one year near Camden South Carolina. He now lives in Marion District South Carolina where he has lived altogether since the War, except the one year above mentioned. He is known to Edward B. Wheeler, John Mace, Archibald Kerby,

Ezekiel Daniel, Isham Watson, Dennis Berry & many other gentlemen of respectability who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution -- He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ John Turner, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ B. J. Earle, presiding judge

Archibald Kerby¹ appeared & made oath that he knows John Turner to have been a Soldier of the revolutionary war. That they were fellow soldiers in Marian's Camp: That he believes the said Turner to have been a good Whig & that his Statement is entitled to credit.

S/ Archibald Kerby

[Edward B. Wheeler & Barfield Moody gave the standard supporting affidavit and they also vouched for the credibility of Archibald Kerby.]

State of South Carolina Marion District: Personally appeared in open Court John Turner who on oath makes the following affidavit as an amendment to his declaration for a pension viz. that in the year 1780 or 1781 -- he cannot positively say which, he was drafted & served as a private one month under General Francis Marion & a Captain Chambers at Wadboo & Leneud's Ferry on Santee River in the State aforesaid in the manner more particularly mentioned in his first declaration. That 2 months afterwards & under the same draft by General Marion which required and alternate service of the soldiers -- this deponent again joined Marion's forces at Wadboo & served under Captain Scott at Wadboo & John's Island one month & 10 days & then returned home. That after he returned home he was drafted & held in readiness to pursue & 2 the Tories for 2 years & so serve frequently & upon various occasions under one Captain Joseph Hudson as stated in his first declaration & that he served in that way until the end of the War, & that he actually served in all from the year 1782 the close of the war 18 months.

Sworn to in open Court the 18 day of October 1833.

S/ John Turner, X his mark

[Benjamin H. Holt, a clergyman and Edward B. Wheeler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ FPA S21852