

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Christopher Waggoner R10995

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State of Tennessee, Humphreys County

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834 Christopher Waggoner a citizen resident of said County aged Seventy nine years; personally appeared before the County Court of Humphreys now in session for said County and being duly Sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration for the purpose of Obtaining the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832; that he was born in Bucks County Pennsylvania five miles below Bethlehem On the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1755, that he has a memorandum in Writing from his Father's family record that his Father moved to Rowan County North Carolina nine miles South of Salisbury he there lived With his Father until the commencement of the revolutionary war then he volunteered for a three months tour under George H. Byrnes [?], rendezvoused at Sailbury [sic, Salisbury] from there marched to Ninety Six in South Carolina and joined a Regiment he thinks Commanded by Col Lock [Francis Locke] & under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], that whilst at Ninety Six volunteers were called for to go after the Tories – he was One of 500 which he thinks volunteered and marched to attack them, he thinks, he recollects that the Tory commander was called Col. Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] after two or three days march, they came up with the Tories & took a great many prisoners among them the said Fletchall, upon their return to Ninety Six, their time having expired they were dismissed – but received no discharge that he can recollect of – but has a distinct recollection of Serving his full three months tour – that afterwards he again Volunteered under the same Captain and also under Genl Rutherford, for another tour of three months to go against the Scotch Tories On the Cape Fear [River] a distance of about 120 miles but when they marched to, or near the Settlement they were all Scattered & gone and we met no enemy after [our] terms expired we were again Dismissed and had four days given us to go home. Some little time after this Volunteers were called for to go against the Cherokee nation he states he Volunteered again for three months under the same Captain Byrrger [?] and marched to the Cherokee nation under Genl Rutherford & destroyed their Towns & crops & killed a few of the Indians and took some Prisoners he thinks this took place in the month of July – but does not recollect the year – but was

again marched back and dismissed at the end of the three months – after that tour was Over he thinks his Parents & himself moved to Lincoln County N.C. Volunteers were again called for to go against the Cherokees and he again Volunteered for three months in a company commanded by Captain Henry Whitener & Lieutenant John Shell the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Joseph McDowell pursued the Indians Destroyed their Villages & killed a good many & took a few Prisoners, he thinks he ended his tour the last of March and was again dismissed – after this he entered the Service as a Volunteer under Captain Sickman [sic, John Sigman?] for three months, under the Command of Colonel McDowell, marched to King's Mountain and was in the battle at that Place he recollects Col Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] & Col Isaacs [sic, Isaac Shelby?] being commanders at that battle from Wilkes County N. C., he heard of Col Campbell [William Campbell] being there but does not recollect him, but recollects his Regiment Commanded by Col McDowell reached the other troops just as the battle commenced – he was dismissed from that Tour Soon after the battle, Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] commanded the enemy, he afterwards volunteered under Captain Whitener and marched [under] Col McDowell & joined Genl Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and marched to the battle of the Cowpens & was in that Battle, where the Americans were Successful & took six or seven hundred Prisoners, he recollects Col Washington [William Washington] was there and had the command of the horsemen who he frequently Saw. After that Battle he got married in the year 1782 – then he was Drafted and had to Serve a three months tour against the Cherokees and was attached to the company again commanded by Captain Whitener and under Col McDowell, they had some Skirmishes with the Indians, killed a few & destroyed their towns & he returned home and was again Dismissed after this he again Volunteered, under the Same Captain Whitener and served a three months tour after the Tories, which was at the close of the war, & he states the most distressing tour he served and was again Dismissed or discharged – he has no documents or discharge whereby above facts or service can be proved – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Christopher Waggoner, W his mark

Test: S/ Dansey [or Darsey] P. Hudson, Clerk

[Lemuel Herrin, a clergyman, and Isaac Little Esquire gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Quest. 1<sup>st</sup>: Where and in what year were you born

Ans.: Bucks County Pennsylvania -- 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1755

Have you any record of your age, & if so, where is it

Ans: I have in my possession a copy from my Father's family record of his children's age

Q: Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived Since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live

Ans: In Rowan County N. Carolina nine miles South of Salisbury from there I moved to Lincoln County N. C. -- from Lincoln to Burke N. C. -- from thence to South Carolina Pendleton Ct – from thence to Davidson County Tennessee where I lived 26 years from thence to Humphreys County where I now live

Q 4<sup>th</sup>: How were you called into Service were you Drafted, did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute for whom

Ans: I volunteered every tour until the last after I married I was Drafted

Q 5: State the names of Some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you Served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service

Ans: I do not recollect of any Regular officers nor Regiments – except Col Morgan at the Cowpens; McDowell, Col Isaacs & Col. Cleveland's Regiments – Genl Rutherford &c.

Q6: Did you ever receive a Discharge from the Service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it --

Ans: I do not know or recollect of any particular Discharge in any tour I know I was always dismissed or mustered of [sic, off?] service by my officers that is all I can recollect --

Q7: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your Present neighborhood and who can testify as to your Character for Veracity and their belief of Your Services as a Soldier of the revolution

Ans: William McCauslin, Eqr., David Childers, John Massey of Humphrey County Andrew Jackson, President has known me in Davidson for near thirty years.

[fn p. 2: In September 1844 in Davidson County Tennessee, Michael Waggoner made oath that he has a record of his father's family's ages and he (Michael) is 75 years old and his brother Christopher Waggoner is 89 and that they lived during the Revolutionary War in Lincoln County North Carolina; that his brother Christopher served in the revolution 18 months a portion of the time under Captain Henry Whitener and that he, Christopher, was at the battle of Cowpens.]