

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John P. Windle R11702

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State of Virginia County of Shenandoah: SS

On this 8th day of August 1837 personally appeared before me Joseph R Sibert Justice of the peace in and for said County John P Windle a resident of Shenandoah County and State of Virginia aged seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted, to the best of his recollection, in the month of June in the year 1781 in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia and served a tour of three months duty as a soldier, and in said tour he was stationed at Winchester Barracks in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia as a guard to the prisoners taken by General Morgan at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], and in said tour he was commanded by Captain John Runnels [John Reynolds?], was commandant at the Barracks at the time I was in the Service as aforesaid, and having Served out his tour of duty as aforesaid he was discharged at the barracks, to the best of his recollection and belief on the 24 September 1781 by Lieutenant Jacob Grim [Jacob Crim?]: He further declares that he was again drafted in the month of December 1781 towards the latter part of said month for a tour of three months duty in the said County of Frederick and State aforesaid and in the second tour he was commanded by Captain William Taylor and his Lieutenant was John Peter Hieskell [Peter Hiskill?] and Ensign ___ Castleman and he was stationed at Winchester Barracks as a guard to the prisoners taken at Yorktown in Virginia, and having served out his tour of duty he was discharged by Captain William Taylor, in the latter part of the month of March in 1782 and in both of said tours stated above he was in the Service fully three months each tour; he further states that Colonel Joseph Holmes was commandant of the troops Stationed at Winchester whilst he was in the service aforesaid, and he further declares that he was not aware that he was entitled to a pension until some short time since, believing that it required 6 months service to be rendered at one time to enable him under the law to be placed on the pension Roll. 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.

S/ John P. Windle, X his mark

[Joseph Littell and James McCann gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Ambrose Henkel, a clergyman, gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Winchester Virginia in the year 1764 the 31st December

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have no record of my age now I once had a record but lost it in consequence of the Shenandoah River rising and getting into my house and destroyed the most of my papers

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived in Winchester Virginia when called into service I have lived in Shenandoah County since the revolution and I lived there now

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was drafted in both tours

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: There was no regular officers with troops where I served there was none other than Militia and Militia officers

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I did receive a discharge for each tour of duty, the first discharge was given by Lieutenant Jacob Grim and the last by Captain William Taylor they were destroyed when I lost the record of my age by high waters

Question 7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: Joseph Litell, James McCann and Ambrose Henkel

I certify the above Interrogatories were propounded to John P Windle and his answers thereto are annexed.

Given under my hand the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph R Sibert, JP