

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Johns R5594

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

On this the 13th day of January 1853 personally appeared before me M. O. Dickinson Clerk of the Superior Court of Law and Commissioner of Affidavits for the County and State aforesaid Zachariah Johns aged about 88 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares that he was born in the State of Virginia about the year 1765 near the South branch of the Potomac River about 30 miles from Winchester in said State of Virginia he does not now recollect the name of the County, that he served as a militia soldier in the Revolutionary War two weeks, at one time, and three months at another time, the two weeks service was at the request of General Daniel Morgan with the consent of declarant's Father, it was in a scouting party, the object of which was to take persons who after having been drafted for service in the Army deserted, not long after declarant's return home from the two weeks service described above, he was for the first time placed on the muster roll, (he being too young to be placed on the muster roll when the aforesaid two weeks service was performed) and drafted for a three months tour, this affiant, believes was in the year 1781 about the time Cornwallis was taken at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] in said State of Virginia, that he marched to Winchester and soon after he arrived there, the prisoners taken at the surrender of Cornwallis was brought there, and he served his three months guarding said prisoners, declarant believes that the Company to which he belonged was commanded by one Captain Caruthers, that when his term of service expired he was honorably discharged and received a written discharge which he took home to his father's house, that sometime after that, he left his father's house in Virginia being then to the best of his recollection about 25 years old, and came to Rutherford County in North Carolina where he has lived ever since, and he declares that he has not had nor seen his discharge since, he does not know who had command of the Army at that place but he saw General Morgan there and knew him well, having been with him in the two weeks service before described, he remembers James Dunbar Sergeant Major, James Botts Adjutant, their quarters were in the same lodge, he heard not long after he left the service that peace was made, and that the prisoners were marched to the sea, but don't remember at what place, declarant's oldest Brother Moses Johns went into the regular service, a listing master named Pigman listed him for five years, and they both went into the Army together and both said to have been killed, his Brother William Johns was drafted and served at the siege of Yorktown, he declarant was young and illiterate and does not now recollect where his Brother Moses was killed he further declares that he was detached from his company the most of the time he was in service, and was in the immediate service of the aforementioned Dunbar & Botts.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension money that may be due him for his services described in his foregoing declaration under any Act or Acts of Congress applicable thereto.

S/ Zachariah Johns, X his mark

[Andrew Miller and Robert G Twitty gave a separate standard supporting affidavits.]

[Note: there is a note in this file that the claim was rejected because the veteran did not claim the minimum 6 months active service required under the pension act to entitle him to a pension.]