

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John [Johann] Killion [Killian] R5916

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State of Indiana, Orange County: SS

On this 11th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Probate now sitting John Killion a resident of this County of Orange in the State of Indiana aged seventy-five 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States in 1780 as a private under the command of Captain John Husselberger [John Hazzleburger] that he was called into the service of the United States in consequence of a draft. He this applicant being drafted by virtue of a call made on the militia by the Governor of North Carolina applicant was living when called into service in Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina that since the revolutionary war applicant lived in North Carolina until the year 1821 from which place he removed to Warren County Tennessee where he resided eight years that from Tennessee he removed to Orange County Indiana where he has resided four years. Applicant taken up the line of march under the command of Captain John Husselberger at Lincoln Court House in the State of North Carolina. Marched from thence to the town of Salisbury in the said State where applicant was rendezvoused and marched to the Command of General Charles McDowell of the militia from Salisbury applicant marched in the company of said Captain (and which was marched to the command of the said General McDowell) to the Town of Fayetteville in the said State of North Carolina – that whilst at Fayetteville he was engaged in reconnoitering that neighborhood and watching the movements of the Scotch Tories who were residents in that part of the Country and who were extremely troublesome he remained in Fayetteville and in the neighborhood thereof six weeks performing the various duties of a soldier that whilst at Fayetteville the Army to which he belonged was marched to and formed a junction with an Army commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] that applicant was marched from Fayetteville under the command of the said Generals Rutherford and McDowell to the Town of Wilmington in the said State of North Carolina that when he reached Wilmington the enemy were in the act of retreating and moving off in their Boats and other vessels the Army to which he belonged formed a line of Battle and fired upon the enemy but without any serious opposition and that the enemy having evacuated Wilmington and the adjoining neighborhoods applicant was continued in service and was detailed as guard as occasion required that he served as guard in his turn that he was engaged in scouting parties, was in fatigues and was marched from point to point in the neighborhood of Wilmington in order to make discovery of the movement of the enemy that applicant having served seven weeks in Wilmington and its neighborhood when he received a written discharge from the aforesaid Captain John Husselberger for the term of three months service and that after he received his discharge at Wilmington and returned to his native County and the State of North

Carolina which applicant reached in 15 days the distance being 300 miles. Applicant states that several years after the revolutionary war his discharge was destroyed by fire Applicant's house having catch fire and every article therein obtained was either damaged or consumed-- applicant was born in Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina the year 1758 – that he has no record of his age but recollects his frequent reference to a family Bible kept by his father in which the age of the applicant was no deed down, and the said Bible has passed and two others hands or was lost many years ago. Applicant cannot positively state what has become of the Bible – that applicant whilst, and during the existence of said Bible made any memorandum of his birth there from an and placed it on paper – which birth is dated on the 20th [?] day of June 1758 – applicant states that he is known in the Neighborhood where he resides by John McCoy and Henry McCanady who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution and their belief of his services as stated. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or 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 on the 11th of November 1833.

S/ Jno McVey. Clerk

S/ John Killion

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Killion". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

[Kinsey Veach [Veatch], a clergyman, and Joel Vandiver gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Indiana, Orange County

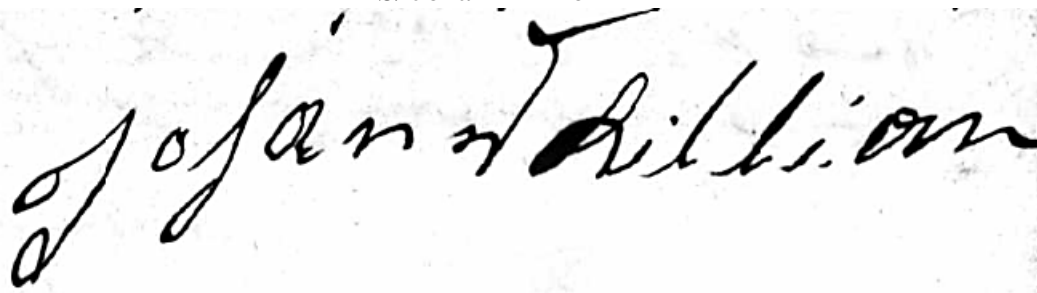
On this 11th day of February 1835 personally appeared in open Court in session for the Honorable Thomas Vandiver Judge of the probate Court for the County of Orange in the State aforesaid John Killion aged seventy-six years in the month of June next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 deponent states he entered the Service of the United States as a private in the latter end of February in the year 1780 in consequence of a draft or call made by the Governor of North Carolina the deponent being drafted he entered the service aforesaid under the following officers and served as herein after stated, that is to say he was drafted in the County of Lincoln in the said State of North Carolina and took up the line of March under the command of Captain John Husselbarger, that he marched from the County of Lincoln in the said State of North Carolina to the Town of Salisbury in the said State of North Carolina where he and the company to which he belonged was rendezvoused having remained a short time at Salisbury until other troops came in and formed a junction he was then in the early part of the month of March in the aforesaid year of 1780 marched from the said Town of Salisbury to the Town of Wilmington under the command of one General Charles McDowell of the militia having arrived at the Town of Wilmington there were a body of British soldiers encamped near said Town, being now in the same company in which he was first drafted and under the command of the said General Charles McDowell he was then marched in direction to where the enemy was encamped – the line of Battle being formed by the [word obliterated by an ink blot, appears to be the word “Americans”] who were militia under the command of said General Charles McDowell – a skirmish ensued between the said militia commanded as aforesaid and the enemy the British troops. The Skirmish having continued a short time the enemy retired took to their Boats and went off while the militia kept the ground deponent was engaged in said skirmish – deponent further states that the militia troops to which he belonged

had their head quarters near the Town of Wilmington that after the skirmish at Wilmington he deponent was continued in the service of the United States for the term of six months and upwards and that whilst in the service aforesaid after the skirmish near Wilmington as aforesaid he was engaged throughout the Scotch settlement reconnoitering and watching the movement of the Tories and others who were then Hostile and disaffected to the glorious cause of the revolution and that in the month of September in the year 1780 (the day of the month not recollected) he received a written discharge under the hand of General Charles McDowell for six months service from the time his rendezvoused at Salisbury up to the date of said discharge which said discharge was destroyed by fire in the State of Tennessee the deponent's House having taken fire which consumed all his property therein contained. This deponent states that he was born in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina in the month of June in the year 1759 according to the record of his father's Bible kept in the German language to which deponent had reference many years ago the day of the month in which he was born is not recollected the aforesaid Bible having been burned with his other property the deponent states that in the year 1820 he migrated from the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina to the County of Warren and the State of Tennessee where he resided eight years and in the year 1828 he removed from the said County of Warren and the State of Tennessee to the County of Orange in the State of Indiana where he has resided ever since deponent states that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services. That the men in the company to which he belonged are either dead or have removed to parts to him unknown as also the men belonging to the same General Command he is known in the neighborhood where he resides by Alexander Morris, Zachariah Lindley and Nathan Penick who doth bear testimony of the fairness of his character and their belief that he served as a soldier in the revolutionary war as herein stated. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Subscribed and Sworn to in open Court on the 12th day of February 1835.

S/ Jno McVey, Clerk

S/ Johann Killion

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Johann Killion". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent initial 'J'.

[Kinsey Veatch, a clergyman, and James Morris gave the standards holding affidavit referring to the applicant as John Killion.]