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Pension application of John Linn (Lin) R6362

Rachel Linn

f70GA

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

August the 22nd 1827

To the honorable the General Assembly now in Session in Raleigh the Seat of Government for the State aforesaid

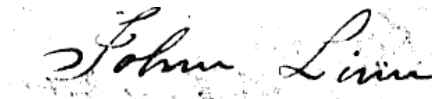
Dear fellow men Know ye that I John Lin of the State & County aforesaid finding myself providentially Reduced to Extreme ill Situation I find Myself in want of many Conveniences which a person of my age requires seeing that I have labored under of affliction now for five years past Since April Last Insomuch that I have Never [?] been able to go abroad Even through the plantation nay Scarcely able even to Walk across the house Which affliction has brought my property and money to an Entire End as I may say I feel Bound to beg of your Clemency a Small Support

I claim it as a small portion of that pension Which is Due me as A Revolutionary Cripple which Wound I received in the midst of my Right hand So that I Lost one of my fingers Entirely and the other three Debilitated in a way that Caused my hand to appear very much Deformed. This Wound Dear fellow Men I Received in the defense of my Country in the State of Georgia Call'd out as one of the Militia under Colonel Scrimmel [sic, ?] and in A battle under his Command in that Servitude I Received the above stated wound. I have Never made any application to any Body or Board for A pension it always was a Uniform principal that I would not Ever Claim any Support while I Kept my health and I am Still bound under the Same principle of belief that if please God it had been my fortune to enjoyed my health I never would have Claimed it only Remains for me to Submit the above to you as my humble petion for a small Support & your petitioner will always pray &c.

The above Statement can be Certified as it Respects my present Situation and Circumstance of Life by us the Undersigned Subscribers & we the Subscribers believe from a Long acquaintance that we have had with said Linn that he Got his wound in the way above Stated.

Given under our hands

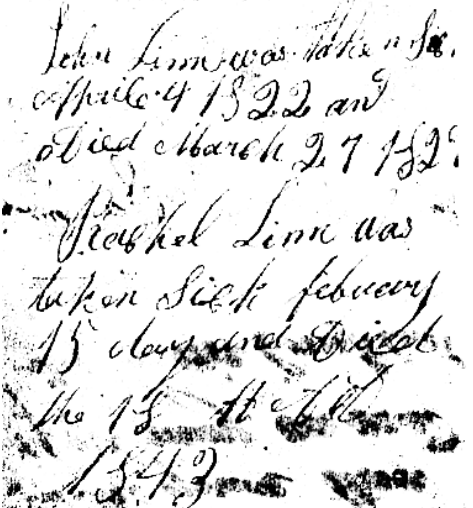
S/ John Linn



S/ Phil: Whitener

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[Family record]

<p>John Linn was taken Sick [sic] Aprile 4 1822 and Died March 27 1829</p> <p>Rachel Linn was taken Sick february 15 day and Died the 18th Apl [?] 1843</p>	 <p>John Linn was taken Sick Aprile 4 1822 and Died March 27 1829</p> <p>Rachel Linn was taken Sick february 15 day and Died the 18th Apl [?] 1843</p>
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Henry Linn was born August the 6th 1783

Sarah Linn was born October the [illegible] 1786

Rebecca Linn was born March the 14th 1788

Hannah Linn was born April the 21st 1790

Mary Linn was born March the 17th

Rachel Linn was born [illegible] 1795

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John Linn and Rachel Mackleroy [sic, Rachel McElroy?] was Married May the first in the year of our Lord 1783

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State of North Carolina Catawba County } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions April Session 1847

On this 20th day of April 1847 Personally appeared in Open Court now in Session at the Court House in Newton Henry Linn a resident of said County aged sixty-four 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 July 7th 1838 entitled An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows.

That he is a son and one of the heirs at law of Rachel Linn who was the widow of John Linn who was a private & Sergeant in the War of the Revolution and served as he understands in the following capacity Viz That he enlisted some time in the year 1781 at a place called Rocky Creek which will appear from the accompanying certificate which was given to him by John Cunningham the 3rd day of December 1784 and served according to said certificate as a Sergeant in Captain George Dooly's Company from the time he enlisted which is supposed to have been in the spring of 1781 until January 1782 at which time he went into the State of North Carolina which of course ended his military career. This deponent further declares that his Father the aforesaid John Linn served as a private soldier some considerable time before he joined Camp at

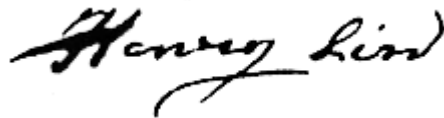
Rocky Creek and was at the Battle of Brier Creek¹ under General Elbert [sic, Col. Samuel Elbert of Georgia] also at the Battle of Stono² under Colonel Mobley also he was at the Siege of Augusta³ & received a wound in his right hand this service or a part of it was done before he joined Camp at Rocky Creek but this deponent does not know the precise time when it was done or the length of said Service. This deponent further states that his Father was a soldier in the Georgia Continental line as he understands but may have been in the South Carolina line. This deponent further states that his Father and mother John & Rachel Linn was married May the first 1783 which will appear from the original Family Register which is hereunto appended which Register was made many years ago by his Father & written by Jacob Mackeroy [sic, McElroy?] and that his Father the aforesaid John Linn died on the 27th day of March 1829 and that his mother the aforesaid Rachel Linn died on the 18th day of February 1843 which will appear from the record of their deaths which was made several years ago by Harriet Linn who is a granddaughter of said Rachel Linn deceased.

This deponent further declares that the certificate which is hereunto appended was found amongst his father's old papers after his death & has been in the possession of his three sisters ever since this deponent further states that the only record that gives any account of said services or marriage is hereunto appended he further states that his father & Mother John & Rachel Linn was married in Burke County North Carolina at the time above stated. This deponent further states that all the heirs at law who survived his mother Rachel Linn are himself Henry, Mary, Rachel & Sarah Linn & that they are all of full age.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and date above stated.

S/ George Setzer, Clerk

S/ Henry Linn



[p 14: On March 9, 1854 in Lincoln County North Carolina, Rachel Linn, 58, gave testimony that she is the daughter of John & Rachel Linn, "she recollects of hearing her Father say, that at the Battle of Brier Creek, he made his escape in crossing the Creek, which was swollen at the time -- he lost his gun and other equipments -- reached the bank on the opposite shore, and at as he supposed a proper place, got a fire made and spent the night -- that next morning eight Americans, who succeeded in making their escape came to his camp -- they all started for some points not recollected by deponent -- but that on the route for the American post, the eight appointed him their Sergeant -- he always was called afterward, Sergeant Linn, in camp, but does not believe that he was ever a Sergeant, that the title was nearly complementary, as her father could neither read nor write and she believes that his being styled a Sergeant in his discharge, was given by Captain Cunningham nearly as a complement, believing at the time, that it would never served him any other purpose than that of alluded to, -- and if he was in reality a Sergeant

¹ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

² Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

³ There were two sieges of Augusta as follows:

Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

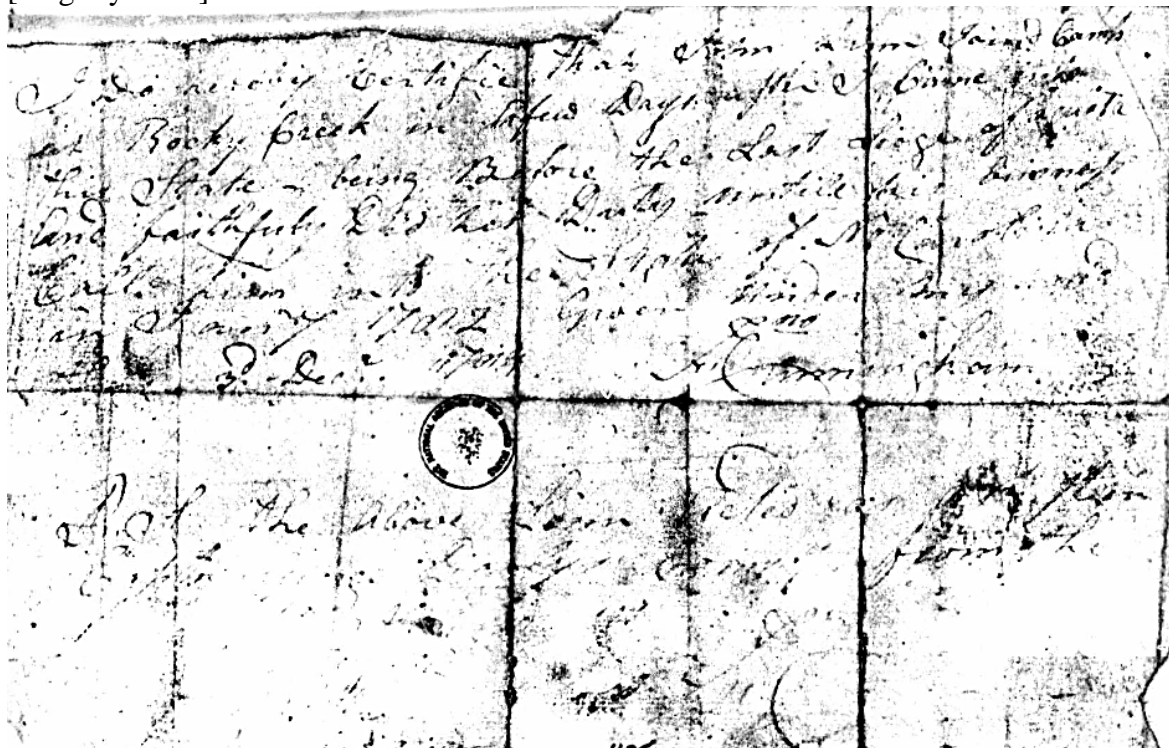
he must have been one of the lowest grade -- as he was as stated illiterate. She further states that her father was struck with Palsy about the year 1822 and lost the use of his left side -- she states she recollects well of being present at the time when the declaration signed by her father (which was taken by Mr Holmsley and is now on file in Washington, in the case of her Mother Rachel Linn) was drawn, she states that a cousin of hers, by the name of David McElroy, drew up said declaration, that he was a youth, and a conceited one, that her father mentioned many officers names under whom he served, and with whom he was acquainted, and mentioned many scenes and sufferings, which if they had been mentioned, would doubtless long ere this, satisfied the Department of the Justice of the claim, but unfortunately the information was ruled out by the young novice -- he deciding in his wisdom that it was unnecessary -- and that the paper drawn up by him was ample, containing all the information that would at once satisfied the Gentlemen at Washington City, that said Lynn was entitled to a pension." The affidavit is signed with her mark. Sarah Linn, 57, filed an affidavit stating that the statements made by her sister Rachel as set forth above agree with her recollections of her father's statements regarding his services. In addition "she further certifies that she understood her father to say that when he first entered the service he was an overseer for a Mr. Givens -- a Gentlemen residing in Savannah Georgia and that he served several years bear, and for a time in South Carolina." Sarah also signed her affidavit with a mark.]

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"I Do hereby Certifie that John Linn Joined Camp at Rocky Creek in a few days after I came into this State -- being before the last Siege of Augusta and faithfully Did his Duty untill his business Call'd him into the State of No. Carolina in Jan^y 1782. Given under my hand & Seal 3rd Decr. 1784.

S/ J^{no}. Cunningham [John Cunningham]

P. S. The Above Linn Acted as [illegibly faint] in Capt. [illegibly faint] Dooly's Comy from the [illegibly faint.]



[p 28: Certificate dated June 17, 1852 from William J. Clarke Comptroller of the State of North Carolina showing the following entry of payments made for military services during the Revolutionary War:

"John Linn

Warrenton Settlements 2307 private Continental line from June 1st 1778 to June 10th 1779 \$94.69."

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This is to certify that John Linn was a soldier in my company in the first Georgia Continental Regiment and did his duty and served his time faithfully for three years.

Given under my hand in Augusta the 24th of August 1785

S/ G. Handley

late Captain 1st G. Rt.

Executive Department of Georgia

Milledgeville, August 4th, 1847

This is to certify that the above is a true copy of the original Certificate of Captain G. Handley to John Linn a soldier of in the Continental service during the Revolutionary War, as appears from the Certificate on file in this Department. I do also certify that I have diligently examined the several Executive Offices of this State & have satisfactory ascertained that there are no other specific records of the services rendered by officers and soldiers during the Revolution, except the Certificates of file; and that it also appears, that G. Handley was a Captain in the Continental service.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Executive Department, at the Capital in Milledgeville this the 4th day of August, A.D. 1847

S/ John H. Steele, Secy Ex. Dept.

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Merrs Robert McClelland and George C. Ames. We take this opportunity to inform you that we have this day empowered Peter Puler and William Hunt. We have been informed that there is a Mr. Goodwin is or has been prosecuting our claim and we assert to your Honors that we never did give any power to him and we also have understood that our brother Henry Linn has sent on another power in his own name through the assistance of a Mr. Hansley and we do not want him to draw our part for if he does we think we will never get our part. This sixth day of April 1853

S/ Daniel A. Haines

S/ Mary Linn, X her mark

S/ Rachel Linn, X her mark

S/ Sarah Linn, X her mark

[p 59: Marriage bond dated April 27, at 1783 issued for the marriage of John Linn to Rachel McElroy given in Burke County North Carolina.]