

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Little R6383

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State of North Carolina Anson County October Sessions 1833

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Jacob Little aged 78 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid a soldier of the Revolution - who having been first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as here in stated.

I volunteered as a private in the Militia on the 16 August 1780 - for three months in the County of Pitt, State of North Carolina under Capt. John Hodges and was marched to join the main army to go against Lord Cornwallis but Gen'l Gates [Horatio Gates] defeat at Campden [sic, Camden, August 15-16, 1780] So. Carolina disappointed us - we joined col. Seawell's [Benjamin Seawell's] Regiment at Ramsey's Mill on Deep River [words obliterated] we marched to the Yadkin [words constituting what appears to be one entire line of text have been obliterated] very troublesome to our Army—we suffered much for want of provisions &c—owing to sickness I was discharged on the [date obliterated] October 1780 by Robt Williams Surgeon by order of Genl Sum[balance of name obliterated, but properly "Sumner" [Jethro Sumner] as he is mentioned later in the document] \_\_\_ having Served 12 months in the Light Infantry as a Sergeant.

I volunteered again as a minute man in December 1780 in the County of Pitt No Carolina for no stated time—under Capt. not recollected Col James Gorum's [Lt. Col. James Gorham's] Regiment to go against the British and Tories who were then marching & ravaging the Country from Wilmington to Newbern [sic, New Bern] No Carolina. I was one of the Guard under Lieutenant John Robinson in a skirmish with the enemy at night near Genl Bryan's Mills—the night on which Genl Bryan's mills house was burned &c. Soon after this I was ordered together with others to go back to Pitt County for the purpose of getting more men and a fresh reinforcement—as many of the neighboring Counties had at [this] period become nearly all Tories—but before we effected [this] end for which we were ordered—Col. Gorum and his Regiment returned home to Pitt County where I was discharged having served nine months having served during both Terms ten months & a half - most [document torn and words missing] Sergeant but having always turned out as a private soldier—I only claim a pension as such. I have in my possession a written discharge which I received from Robt Williams Surgeon by order of Genl Summer—which I enclose herewith—I received no written discharge upon my last term of service nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure to testify to my services—for this Term—I no other documentary evidence of my services nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can

procure to testify to my services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Little



S/ W. Dismukes? Clk

1<sup>st</sup> Question by Court Where and in which year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Surry County State of Virginia March 28<sup>th</sup> 1755

2<sup>nd</sup> Question. Have you any Record of your [age] and if so where is it?

Answer. A record of my age was enter[ed] in my father's family Bible but I do not know where [document torn and text missing]

[3<sup>rd</sup> Question. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?] [this text is missing for this is one of the 7 interrogatories the War Department regulations required each applicant to answer].

Answer. I lived in Pitt County No Carolina when called into service in every instance—where I continued to live after the Revolutionary War until the year 1795 when I removed to this County Anson - where I have constantly lived ever since and is the place of my residence at present.

4 Question - How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute for whom

Answers - I was a Volunteer in every instance - never drafted; or a Substitute

5 Question. 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 services.

Answer - In my first Tour Col Seawell & Col. Jarvis of the Militia and Genl Summer.

In my last Tour, Col. Gorum of the Militia and Genl Bryant [perhaps General William Bryan of the New Bern District militia] also a Militia Officer - In my Term of Services the Regiment to which I belonged Commanded by Col Seawell was on its march to join the main army until the news of Gates defeat We then changed our line of March towards Salisbury in Rowan County in which di [text missing, document torn] and Col Da [text missing, document torn, but probably a reference to William Lee Davidson] and Col. William R. Davie acted in conjunction to intercept the progress of Lord Cornwallis through the Middle Counties of No Carolina. Soon after my discharge on the Yadkin on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1780—I returned home to Pitt County. In which part of our State—after the fall of Charleston So. Carolina—Gates defeat at Camden &c the Tories and Loyal party—became very bold & Troublesome and it became absolutely necessary for us to be out almost constantly to protect the women & children from their plunder & ravages—My services were confined to the Country between Wilmington and New Bern on the Neuse River &c.

6 Question. 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 received a written discharge from Robt Williams Surgeon by order of Genl Summer which is now in my possession—and which I herewith enclose. I received no written discharge for my last service.

7 Question. [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.][The text is almost totally obliterated, but this is the standard question proscribed by the War Department].

Answer. The Rev. John S. Kendal a clergyman and Joseph White Esquire [are] acquainted with me.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court

S/ Jacob Little

S/ W. Dismukes, Clk

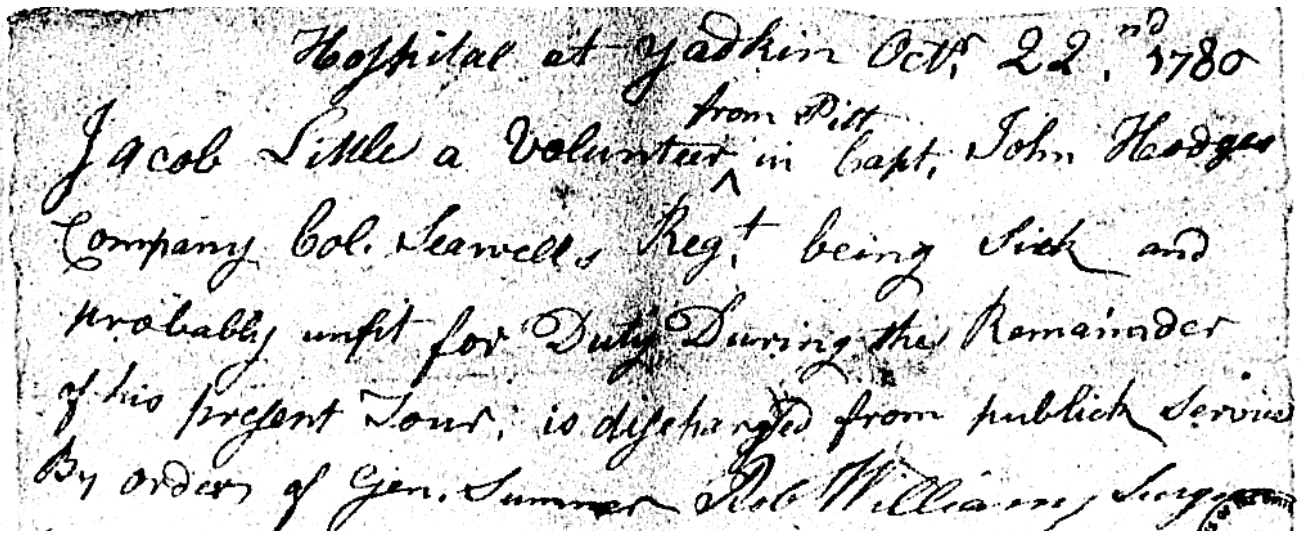
[John S. Kendal, a clergyman, and Joseph White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Hospital at Yadkin Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1780

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[p 3: On December 12, 1835 [could be 1855], Pleasant Minor Little of Anson County, NC, appointed Capt. J. E. Stuart of Washington City, DC to examine the papers of Jacob Little deceased. Little identifies himself as one of the children of Jacob Little.



D. M. Little