

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Midcap R7155

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State of Indiana Jefferson County: Sct.

On the 10th day of November in 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Probates Fort Jefferson County State aforesaid John Midcap a resident of Jefferson County aforesaid aged 69 or 70 years on the 15th of November instant 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 and served under the following named officers, Captain Morehead, Colonel Elias Edmonds [Elias Edmunds] and General Weedon [George Weedon], lived in Fauquier County Virginia when he enlisted. Served from the time of enlistment which was in the spring of that year and 12 or 15 months before the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], until the conclusion of Peace, Enlisted at Prince William County and was sworn in at Prince William Court House thence marched to Fredericksburg and was reviewed before General Weedon there, and was stationed there for some time, marched from Fredericksburg to a town between that & Richmond, do not recollect its name. Thence back to Fredericksburg, thence to Alexandria thence back to Fredericksburg, I cannot recollect distances. Frequently marched out from Fredericksburg a March of one day or two. Was one of the guards of the prisoners of Cornwallis up to old Winchester. Was not at the capture. Served after that until peace was concluded. Was 14 or 15 years of age when I enlisted. Captain Edmonds gave me a little piece of paper which he said was my clearance which I recollect of seeing but wants or 2 since took no care of it. This was when my services was ended he was born in Alexandria Virginia – in the year 1765 or 66. I have no record of my age, never had, my parents died when I was almost an infant. Served all the time as a private.

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 of any State.

Sworn and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John H Taylor, Clerk

S/ John Midcap, X his mark

[Milton Stapp & Thomas T Stribling gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 5: On January 1, 1838, in Jennings County Indiana, the veteran also filed for a pension based on services rendered during the Indian wars in Kentucky. I have elected not to transcribe that application since there was no provision for a pension for certain services under the then applicable pension laws.]