

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John North R7707

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State of Indiana Marion County} SS

On this 30 day of March A.D. 1837 personally appeared before the Honorable the Judges of the Marion Circuit Court, John North a resident of the County of Marion in the State of Indiana, aged about eighty-three 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 June 7th, 1832. That he was born in the country in the State of South Carolina, (County or district not recollected) about the year 1754 or 5 or 6 where he lived when he entered the service of the United States about the year 1773, 4 or 5 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: That about said years, while still living in said State and in the Country (County not remembered) and in the spring of the year, (months & day of same not recollected) he volunteered as a Ranger to range on the frontier of South Carolina, under Capt. Pollard [Richard Pollard], under whom he served on the waters of Flint River for about a month immediately after volunteering as aforesaid; and whilst in said service, guarding the frontiers of said State, said Company killed 2 Indians on said waters, when he was discharged from that service, and from that State went into the State of Georgia and at Louisville about the year A.D. 1774, 5, 6 or 7 where he then was, he again volunteered in the Rangers Service under Capt. Alexander Irwin, in the Militia service under the command of General Twiggs [John Twiggs of Georgia], and under said Officers served for 2 years protecting the frontier as it was then called in Georgia, and they ranged through what was then called the Rocky Comfort and Ogeechee River countries, and during the said Service, the company killed 2 Indians at one time about the time Col. Williams [James Williams] was killed at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], and about 20 Indians at another time on the Hopy River when he thinks Col. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] was engaged then so called, and that during nearly all of said last 2 years service, he and said Company were without scarcely any clothing, having neither coats nor shoes, until about the close of said service Capt. Irwin went to Savannah, and got some clothes for said Company, which he supposes was about the year 1776, 7, 8 or 9, it being just after the British had left Savannah [the British began their evacuation of Savannah Georgia on July 11, 1782], and soon after that he the said John North was discharged at Rocky Comfort in Georgia and that he has no documentary evidence to show his said service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Service; and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and hereby declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year first above written

S/ Robert B. Duncan, Clerk

S/ John North, X his mark

[Elijah Reagan, a clergyman, and John Setters gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Here follow the interrogatories and answers, to wit:

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer 1. I think in the year 1754 in South Carolina district not recollected in the Country.

Q. 2. Have you any record of your age?

A. 2. I have

Q. 3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war; and where do you now live?

A. 3. Lived in Georgia and South Carolina when called into service, and since the war in Georgia, 30 years in Ohio, and 9 years in Indiana.

Q. 4. How were you called into Service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you ace Substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

A. 4. I entered the service as a volunteer; and served as such over 2 years.

Q. 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you recollect, and the general circumstances of your Service?

A. 5. General Twiggs was a General Officer, either militia or regular; regular officers not recollected, being a great distance.

Q. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given? And where is it?

A. 6. The troops with whom he served received no written discharges.

Q. 7. 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.

A. 7. I refer to the Elijah Reagan & John Setters of this County and my neighborhood

S/ John North, X his mark

[Note: An unsigned note in the file reads: "Service before the Revolutionary War and or Indian parties."]