

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Quiery R8540

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1844 personally appeared in open Court, Before his Honor William H. Battle, Judge of the Superior Court now sitting for said County, William Quiary [sic], a resident of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina aged eighty-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 7, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:

That he was drafted and entered the service of the United States as a militia Soldier, was placed under the command of Richard Springs Captain, Thomas Reed Lieutenant, John Baxter Ensign – marched to Ramsour's Mills under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], and arrived a short time after the battle was fought [June 20, 1780] – he assisted in guarding the Tories taken in that battle to Salisbury N. C. where he received a furlough for 10 days, after which he was sent in a detachment to Brown Creek N. C. by order of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson], his company officers on that occasion were Oliver Wiley Captain, Thomas Shelby Lieutenant, James McCaleb Ensign, the object in sending this detachment to Brown Creek was to keep the Tories in check, who were doing considerable damage in that neighborhood, after accomplishing their purpose at Brown Creek they were ordered by General Davidson to march to Goose Creek in Mecklenburg County and there to keep an eye upon the Tories who had become exceedingly troublesome in consequence of Cornwallis being at that time in Charlotte. He remained at Goose Creek until the term of three months for which he had been drafted had expired.

That he again [was] drafted for three months in 1781 and was placed under the command of Captain Nathan Orr – the other company officers he does not remember, the field officers were General Rutherford – General Irwin [Colonel Robert Irwin] – Col. Ledbetter [Drury Ledbetter] – Major McGuire [perhaps Thomas McGuire of the Rowan County militia] – he was ordered with his company to Wilmington North Carolina and in going there they were detained a short time at Raft Swamp where they endeavored to take prisoners, a number of Tories-- who had secreted themselves in the Swamp. He remained in Wilmington until his second tour of service expired and he was discharged. He further states that at different times he did service as a volunteer and served as necessity required, one of his discharges while so engaged he has now in his possession – and accompanies this declaration. He further declares that he has no original discharges in his possession save the one referred to, the others having been lost or misplaced.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

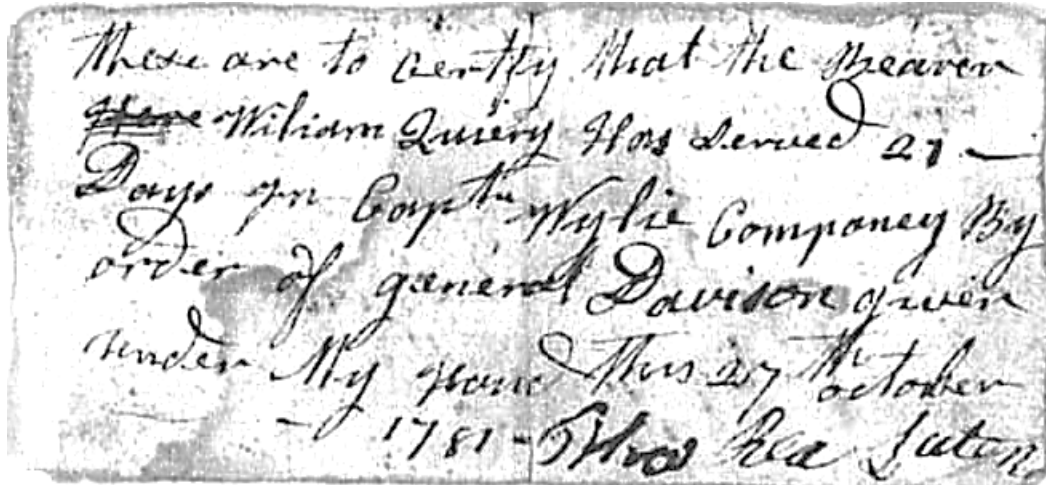
Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.  
S/ Will H. Battle, JSCL&E

S/ Wm Query

[Samuel W. Williamson, a clergyman, and Green W. Caldwell gave the standards supporting affidavit.]

“These are to Certify that the Bearer William Query Has Served 21 [could be 27] Days In Capt. Wylie Componey By order of general Davison given under My Hand this 27<sup>th</sup> october 1781.

S/ Thos Rea Lutten. [sic, Thomas Rea, Lieutenant?]”



The image shows a handwritten document in cursive script, likely a military affidavit. The text reads: "These are to certify that the Bearer ~~Wm~~ William Query Has served 21 Days in Capt. Wylie Componey By order of general Davison given under My hand this 27<sup>th</sup> October 1781 - Thos Rea Lutten." The document is written on aged, slightly stained paper.

[p 20 is a petition signed by a number of Mecklenburg citizens stating their belief in the Revolutionary War services of John Stilwell and Wm. Query. The petition is dated July 9, 1844 and is signed by [as best the signature can be deciphered]: John Orr, Thomas McCall, Anthony Hartis, B. Oates, J. W. Blacke [or Blake], Erwin Finney, Peter Harp, Francis Everly, Samuel Yandle, Nathan H. Orr, Will Bain, W. M. Houston, Arthur Grier, Wm Davidson, John Sloan, Jared Reed, Thomas Smith, James Smith, Samuel B. Smith, Joshua Blakey, Thomas J. Williamson, Sterrod Jones, John P. Thompson, William Rice, Wm. Rice, Jr., John Yandle, Valentine Starnes, Elijah Phifer, Lewis Crump, Daniel Wentz, Andrew Starns, Milas B. Robertson, Adam Fisher, Jacob Phifer, James G. Blair, W. D. Caldwell, Benjamin Fincher, Misle Hutson, Elijah Kitch, Conrad Crump, Robert Squires, James T. Crenshaw, Robert Grier, Daniel McLeod, John M. Williamson, Jonathan Lewis, Wm Ford, Matthias Harkey, Wm Wilson, John Bar, James Morris, Miles R. Fincher, Elisha Phifer, James Robertson.]

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

At the request of William Query a revolutionary Soldier I have taken the deposition of Henry Houston to prove his services under General Rutherford (Indisposition and old age having rendered the said Houston unable to attend to Court)

1<sup>st</sup> Did you know William Query during the Revolutionary war? Answer I did.

2<sup>nd</sup> Did you know him to be out in the Service in the war? Answer I did.

3<sup>rd</sup> What officers was he under? Answer he was under Captain Nathan Orr General Rutherford his commander.

4<sup>th</sup> In what Campaign? Answer in the Wilmington Campaign.

5<sup>th</sup> How long was he William Query under the above named officers? Answer he was three months.

Sworn and subscribed in the presence of

S/ Henry Houston

*every three months  
Henry Houston*

S/ Laird H. Harris, JP  
Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1832

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I John Stilwell<sup>1</sup> of the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County, Do hereby certify that the following Detail respecting the revolutionary Services of William Query is to my own personal knowledge true. William Query was residing in the State of N. C. Mecklenburg County in the year 1776; was Drafted as a militia Soldier for the service of the United States in 1780 for three months, he was placed under the command of Ritchard Springs [Richard Springs] Captain, Thomas Kew Lieutenant, John Baxter Ensign; marched to Ramsour's Mill NC was placed under the command of General Rutherford Guarded Tory prisoners taken in Ramsour's Battle to Salisbury Jail; marched to Yadkin River N. C., encamped a considerable time in the neighborhood of Salisbury, was sent in two or three expeditions against the Tories at Brown Creek and elsewhere by order of Generals Davison [sic, Davidson] and Irwin; he was then ordered to the Ford of Goose Creek to repel the incursions of the Tories; placed under Captain Oliver Wylie, Lieutenant Thomas Shelby, Ensign James McCalib, where his first three months tour expired; he was again Drafted for three months, think in 1781; placed under the Command of General Rutherford his Captain Nathan Orr, marched to little Pedee River thence to the Raft swamp then through Robertson [sic, Robeson?] County and Duplin to Wilmington where his last three months tour expired; the above Sworn to and Subscribed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1844.

Test: S/ Philemon Morris, JP

S/ John Stilwell

*John Stilwell*

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North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

This is the Military Certificate of William Quiery in the Revolutionary War. He says that he is Eighty Five years of age or near it and was Born in Mecklenburg State of North Carolina and has lived in it ever since also that he served two three month tours in the Service of his Country that his General's name was Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] his Colonel Davidson [William Lee Davidson] his Major Joseph Graham who was badly wounded near Alexander's Cross Roads some four miles North East of Charlotte his Captain Richard Springs this was his first tour in the Second his officers the same except his Captain who was Nathan Orr I was in no Battle but was marched to Wilmington in this State this was the last Campaign.

Sworn to in open Court in the Superior Court of Law for the County and State aforesaid this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1846.

S/ Jno M. Dick, Judge L E

S/ William Quiery

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1 [John Stilwell \(Stillwell\) W7209](#)

*William Query*

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We the undersigned Certify the above named William Query [sic] was born in Mecklenburg County as we have good reason to believe and that he has resided in said County ever since and now is a Citizen of said County and is a man of veracity we have known said Query from thirty to fifty years.

Sworn to in open Court this 24<sup>th</sup> August 1846.

S/ Jno M. Dick, Judge, L&E

S/ Cyrus Johnston, Pastor Pr. Ch. Charlotte

S/ White D. Karr [?]

S/ John Flow

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*Jno M. Dick*

*John Flow*