

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Roper R8995

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The State of South Carolina

On this the Eleventh day of October 1832 personally appeared before me Baylis J Earle one of the Circuit Judges of the said State and Presiding Judge at the court of Common Pleas holden at Marion Court House in the District of Marion & State aforesaid, now sitting – John Roper a resident in the District in State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law in open Court, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832 – that he was born on the 4 of July 1764 in Brunswick (now Greenville) County Virginia – that according to the best of his recollection in the year 1781 he was called out into the Militia Service under the command of Captain Threadgill¹ and marched to Salisbury North Carolina from thence to Charlotte, in the same State from thence he came into the State of South Carolina but is unable to state any of the particulars of that Service being most of the time sick and unable to do duty. That he served at this time eight months and was finally discharged on the Santee River the High Hills of Santee – That after his discharge he returned home and was called out into the same service and was under the command of Major Duvolt [?] and was in a fight with the British at Petersburg Virginia [April 25, 1781] in which the Americans were defeated. They then (according to the best of his recollection) retreated to Chesterfield Court House – and thence to Richmond and in Richmond and on James River until his term of Service (three months) had expired when he was discharged – That the next service he was called on to perform was at the Battle of York Town under the command of Captain Whitehead – That after he joined the main Army he was sent on a detachment to hogs Island as a guard & was employed in Butchering for the Army until after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], when he was finally discharged from the service – That he does not know that any of his fellow Soldiers in the several tours of duty above stated are now alive – that he removed from Virginia about forty years ago to Richmond County North Carolina and about twenty-five years ago he removed to Marion District where he has since continued to reside – that he was in the service some upwards of one year.

He does hereby relinquishes [sic] 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 to the day & year above written before

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ John Roper, X his mark

Amended return

¹ A man by the name of Thomas Threadgill is listed in McAlister as having served as a Sergeant in the Brunswick militia

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John Roper appeared before me and made oath – That all the Service which he performed in the Revolutionary war was as a private Soldier – that the last tour of duty which he performed at York Town was for not less than six weeks – And that he served as a private Soldier in the Army of the United States twelve months. That he had a written discharge but the Same has been long since lost or destroyed. The Declarant further states that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service more particularly than he has done.

Sworn to before me in open Court at Marion Court House this 16th day of October 1833
& subscribed

S/Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge

S/ John Roper, X his mark

[Herod Stackhouse, a clergyman, and Levi Odom gave the standard supporting affidavit.]