

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Short S16525

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State of Indiana Lawrence County: SS: Lawrence County Probate Court November Term 1832

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Rollin C. Drury [?] Judge of the probate court of the County of Lawrence aforesaid the same being a court of record John Short Senior a resident of Indiana Creek Township in the County aforesaid aged 76 years of age the 15th Febry [?] last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 – that he was born in Dunmore County afterwards called Shanadore [Shenandoah] County in the State of Virginia that he entered the service in the County of Rockingham in State of Virginia aforesaid, on about the 1st of August in the year 1776 under the following named officers in the company commanded [by] Captain William Nall [also spelled William Nalle] and Lieutenant George Spence [?], Regiment commanded by Abram Smith he was drafted for the Term of 4 or 5 months – the precise period of the said term this Deponent does not now remembered – but that he remembers that he was out on said engagement until Christmas 1776 at which time he returned home; and that he afterward in the year 1778 to wit about the 1st of September 1778 that he was again drafted for the term of 3 months from said County of Rockingham but that he served 4 months under the following officers in the command of Captain __ McCutcheon in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Boyers: under the command of General McIntosh: and was with said Boyers during said campaign and that this declarant was discharged at Fort McIntosh after having served four months on said campaign and this declarant further states that sometime in the month of July in the year 1781 that he again entered the service in Rockingham County aforesaid as a militia man for the term of two months and served under the following named officers in the company commanded by Captain __ Ragan [perhaps Richard Reagon] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Nall who was the first Captain under whom this declarant served as herein stated but who was then promoted to the rank of Colonel and at the expiration of said term of service was discharged and returned home to Rockingham Virginia this declarant states that he never received any written discharges but was always told by his commanding officers that he was discharged and that for that reason he never applied for any written discharge, that the time of his last discharge as herein stated that he resided in the County of Rockingham Virginia about two years – from thence he removed to Russell County Virginia where he resided about seven years from there he removed to Pendleton District South Carolina where he resided about two years, from [there he] moved back [to] Russell County where he again resided for two years – from there he removed to Pulaski County Kentucky where he resided fifteen years, from there to Lawrence County Indiana where he now resides – and where he has resided for the last 13 or 14

years – that he has no written record of his age but from the best information he has he was born in the year 1756 – that he has no documentary proof of his services – nor does he know of any person by whom to prove the same unless it is his neighbor and other citizens of Lawrence County and Elbert Jeter a Minister of the Gospel of said County which he prays may be made a part of this record.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and that he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or Territory.

S/ John Short, Senior, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court on the day and year aforesaid.

[Elbert Jeter, a clergyman, and Robert Mitchell and Wesley Short and Daniel Baker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months and 24 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]