

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Upshaw S16560

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State of Georgia, Elbert County

On this Sixteenth day of July in the year 1833, personally appeared in open Court before Isaac Almond, Dilliard Herndon, William Beck & Robert B. Christian Justices of the Inferior Court in and for Elbert County State of Georgia, now sitting, John Upshaw a resident of Elbert County and State of Georgia, aged seventy-eight years and a few months, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in the Service of the United States for three months as a Private under Captain William Tucker in a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Dabney, in the County of Amherst State of Virginia, then the place of his residence, in the year 1780, marched from Amherst County to Hampton in the State of Virginia, under the Command of Marquis DelaFayette [De Lafayette], and after serving three months as a private in said Service was discharged from the same, but does not recollect the day or month when discharged.

That he also was drafted into the Service of the United States for two months as a Private, under Captain Woodruff in a Regiment commanded by Colonel or Major Meriwether in the County of Amherst State of Virginia, then the place of his residence, in the year 1781, marched from Amherst County to Hampton in the State of Virginia, and after serving one month in said Service was discharged from the same in the year 1781, but does not recollect, the day or month when discharged.

That he was also drafted into the Service of the United States as a Private for two months, in the County of Amherst, State of Virginia in the place of his residence, in the year 1781 under Captain Dawson in a Regiment which he does not now recollect. Marched from Amherst County to the Albemarle Barracks in the State of Virginia where he was stationed as a Guard to the British prisoners then at that place, and after serving one month was discharged as a private, in the year 1781 but does not recollect the day or month when discharged.

That he was also drafted into the Service of the United States as a Private, in the County of Amherst State of Virginia, then the place of his residence, in the year 1781, under Captain Burrows, in a Regiment Commanded by a Colonel which he does not now recollect, marched from Amherst County to near York Town in the State of Virginia and after serving one month was discharged as a private from the Service of the United [States] in the year 1781 but does not recollect the day or month when discharged, making in all at the different periods six months service that he served in the Revolutionary Army of the United States. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Says that he was born in Essex County State of Virginia in the year 1755, on the 27th day of February, and that he has a Record of his age now in his possession. That he lived in Amherst County State of Virginia when called into Service each time; and that he lived in Amherst County State of Virginia until

he removed to Elbert County State of Georgia about 45 years past, where he has lived ever since and now resides there, says that he was drafted into the Service each time, he states that the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where he served were the Marquis De Lafayette, the Continental and Militia Regiments he does not recollect, at this late date, he says that he received no written discharge for any of his services which he performed, they were all verbal discharges or disbanded from the Service. He states that the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify to his Character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution are Thomas Jones, Wiley Thompson, George Cook Esq., Beverly Allen, Dilliard Herndon, Isaac Almond, Valentine Smith and General Jephtha V. Harris.

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 to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Upshaw, X his mark

Attest:

S/ Benjamin W. Fortson, Clk, I. C.

[Thompson S. Glenn, a clergyman, and Thomas Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]