

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Pension application of John Snoddy S17110

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State of Indiana, County of Owen

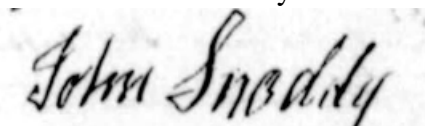
On the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the undersigned judges of the Circuit Court of Owen county, the same being a court of record, and having general civil and criminal jurisdiction, now sitting, John Snoddy, resident of Montgomery township in said county of Owen, And in the state of Indiana aforesaid, aged seventy four years and seven months on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September last (74 years, 7 mos), 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 A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. As well as this declarant recollects, he entered the service of the United States (or Colonies) in the beginning of the year 1775 in the militia of North Carolina, under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], which service he entered as a volunteer, in the County of Rowan in said state – where he then resided; he believes it was about the month of January in that year, but of this he cannot be absolutely certain. His Captain's name was James Purvinis [sic, James Purviance], and his lieutenant's name was John Purviance, this term was for three months, under one engagement, and was by him this declarant fully performed to the end thereof, which was in the spring following (as well as he remembers in the month of April, 1775). This service was performed in the said state of North Carolina in the town and of the state, principally against the Tories they had been defeated by General Nash a few days before the troops to which this declarant belonged arrived at the seat of war. The next day, or in a few days after this declarant was marched to a point near a little town near Cross Creek, a body of Tories was brought in as prisoners, among whom was a Tory who was somewhat notorious called Donald McDonald a Scotchman. There was no engagement in which the corps to which this declarant belonged took part; during this tour of service. During this tour of service this declarant was with Rutherford's Army in the town then called Cross Creek. At the close of it, the company to which this declarant belonged was called up, and dismissed by the officers at Salisbury, with instructions to hold themselves in readiness for future service. No written discharges as far as he knows were given; at all events he received none, although he served his tour of duty. He does not remember his Colonel's name, or his Major's – his adjutant's name was the brave William Davidson [William Lee Davidson], afterwards known in the Army as General Bill Davidson, who fell at the Catawba River, in opposing the progress of Cornwallis. Declarant was on many little scouting parties after this tour of service, but the time he cannot recollect between this tour of duty and the year 1778 in the close of the Summer, or the fall of that year—when to wit in 1778 this declarant as a volunteer commenced & served a tour of duty or rather a continued series of services, with occasional

intermissions from that time until one or two months after the taking of Cornwallis at York town in 1781. He entered this service under a Major known as Major Micajah Lewis, who was afterwards killed in the lower part of North Carolina. He cannot tell the exact time he was in this service, but he can say with certainty that he was under Lewis' command, in all not less than two years, part of which time, and indeed the greater part, Lewis was under the command of Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] – his Captain was Moses Gass [Moses Guess]. Ohe Corps to which he belonged was not called out for a regular term of service, but was raised by Major Lewis to the number of two hundred & fifty & was called “Lewis Minute Men.” They were almost constantly on duty, (being mounted men) principally armed with rifles and such other arms as could be procured. They were permitted to return home at intervals, and remained to recruit [sic, recover] themselves & horses for a few days, and again mustered into service. He was in no general battle with the British, but he was in several skirmishes with the Tories. His residence was during this service Wilkes County. The service here spoken of was performed in the counties of Burke, Lincoln, Rutherford, Wilkes, Rowan & Mecklenburg and part of the time in South Carolina, but the counties or districts he does not recollect in which he served in this latter state. After this declarant entered the Army under Major Joseph Dickson his Captain's name was William Stuart. He believes that this service was about three or four months – (not less than three) under a single engagement as a volunteer. Services principally in North Carolina in Mecklenburg, Rowan &c. In none of these engagements did he receive any discharge in writing but he expressly declares that he performed the service and was in each case honorably discharged by his officers. He recollects the names of some of the Continental officers who were occasionally united with the troops under their command to the Corps to which this declarant belonged – Amongst others were Colonel Martin, Captain Knox, Captain George Davidson. This last he thinks was in the close of the year 1780. After this, he was in the Army under Captain Lenoir [William Lenoir] and (as well as he remembers) Colonel Isaacs, as a volunteer, principally in Surry [County] for about three months. He continued in the service with occasional intermissions as aforesaid, but from his great age and the great variety of services he performed, he cannot state the particulars with that certainty which might under other circumstances be desirable. He expressly declares, however, that he has no hesitation in making the positive and unequivocal statement, that he was in the service, actually under arms, frequently in skirmishes, and enduring a great variety of hardships for considerably more than two full years. He believes, more than three, but he is safe in the former statement. He has long since been disconnected with his old companions in arms, having emigrated to Kentucky in 1782. [There is interlined at this point an illegible statement in which he appears to make reference to the certificate given by William Sharpe which appears in the file]. He knows no one whom he can procure to testify to his performance of his services nor has he any documentary proof thereof and must rely on the integrity of his own statements & recollection, and the corroborating testimony of his neighbors, hereinafter submitted. He relinquishes every claim hereby 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. This declarant further states that he lived 41 years in Kentucky, having emigrated thither in 1782 his little property had been destroyed by the Tories. He has lived in Owen County, Indiana nine years. [Illegible word] states that he was born in 1758 in Rowan County, North Carolina. He has no record of his age, and only knows it from his parents.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ John Snoddy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Snoddy". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

State of North Carolina, Rowan County

[Thomas C. Johnson a clergyman,, John Hudson and James A. Steele gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Owen County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County of Owen aforesaid, John Snoddy, an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the length of his services; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, to wit, as a private soldier, I served 2 years and 3 months, and for such service I claim a pension & he states also that he was born in 1758 in Rowan County North Carolina he has no record of his age – He was living in Rowan County North Carolina when he entered the service. He has lived since the revolution 41 years in Kentucky – 9 years in Indiana in Owen County – he served as a volunteer militia man – These answers will be found in his declaration but as the note is Mark, he sets them down here again.

S/ John Snoddy

These may certify that the bearer here of Mr. John Snoddy has lived in said County from his infancy, that he is descended from a respectable family, that he supports the character of a very honest man and has repeatedly evinced his sincere attachment to the independence of the United States of America.

Given my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> September 1782.

S/ Wm Sharpe, J. P.

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