

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ivins S1766

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State of Tennessee, Williamson County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions January Term 1833

On this 17th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court now sitting to for us Gilbert Marshall, William Johnson and Christopher E. McEwen Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions, held for the County of Williamson in the State of Tennessee John Ivins aged 82 years a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I was born in Halifax County North Carolina where I lived until eight or 10 years of age when I moved to Dobs [Dobbs] County in the same State and lived there till after the war. I first entered the service of the US as a volunteer for a tour of three months. I entered into Captain John Shepherd's [John Sheppard's] Company, while residing in Dobbs County, I think in the year 1775 or 1776. It was an expedition against the Tories, we were marched from Dobbs County with other troops under General Caswell [Richard Caswell] to Black River where we staid but a short time, the Tories then being on the other side of the River, and commenced a fire upon us from their side. They the Tories then marched for Wilmington and we endeavored to prevent them. We engaged with them at a place called Moore's Creek [Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776]¹ and after a sharp skirmish we defeated them and entirely dispersed them. We were all disbanded and I received my discharge signed by Captain Shepherd for three months service. I then returned to Dobbs County and after staying there no great while, I volunteered in a company of light horsemen under Captain Singleton [Spyars Singleton]. This company with 12 or 15 hundred infantry under General Caswell marched to Wilmington for the purpose of preventing the British from landing. The British came in the Capes, but not liking to risk the landing of their troops, they did not attempt it, but sailed about forty miles on the coast and frequently returned. I remained here until my term of three months had expired when I received a discharge for that time from either my Captain or General which discharge together with the first I have long since lost. I then returned home and after remaining there one or two years I was drafted, but hired a substitute. I have no record of my age. My mother has often told me I was 25 years old when Independence was declared. I mention Colonel Ben Axam [sic, Benjamin Exum], besides the other officers I have mentioned who were with the troops where I served. I state John & Jacob Page, Marshall Jameson, Robert Sawyers Esq. Shannon and John Burke who are acquainted with me and can testify to their belief of my having served in the revolution and to my character for veracity. After the war I lived in North Carolina until about twenty years ago when I moved to Williamson County Tennessee

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html

where I now live and have been living ever since.

I hereby relinquish all claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Ivins, X his mark

[George Shannon and John Burke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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