

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew Roe S20897

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State of North Carolina Guilford County: On this 20th of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Matthew Roe a resident of the United States in the County of Guilford & State of North Carolina aged eighty years & upwards, who first being 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, served under the following named Officers & served as herein set forth --

The said Matthew Roe saith, he being a citizen of Franklin County North Carolina, entered the Service of the United States as a Drafted soldier in the year 1780 (the day & month not recollected) but believes the last of the spring of that year under the command of Captain James Richards & a Regiment of Colonel Benjamin Sowell [sic, Benjamin Seawell], & served 4 months of severe servitude, the Tories were numerous & troublesome both in this State & South Carolina, after we were organized we marched for South Carolina, but on our way we marched in various directions to quell Tories in our own State & at length passing through a part of South Carolina we marched to the Cheraw Hills in South State intending to go on & joined the Army of General Gates [Horatio Gates] who commanded the regular or Continental troops at that time, & was going on to Camden, & before we could join him we heard the boring of cannon & in a few minutes, the Militia met us & told us of General Gates defeat, we then changed now direction & marched to Salisbury in North Carolina, & after staying some time near the Yadkin [River], we marched in various directions afterwards wherever we could hear of Tories concentrating & dispersed them & a great many we shot, after Serving my Term out I was dismissed by written Certificate, which I have lost or mislaid -- the next Service rendered was in the year 1781 -- I was still a citizen of Franklin County North Carolina & was drafted sometime in the last of the summer of said year (as well as he can recollect) under the command of Colonel Lynton [Linton?] & General Sumpner [sic, Jethro Sumner?] we marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] then a direction to Fayetteville to quell & disperse the Tories, & while in that Service Lord Cornwallis was taken a prisoner in Virginia & surrendered his Army & as well as I can recollect General Greene commanded the Continental forces of the South at that time & had been the Commander from the time Gates was removed -- & after serving three months I was verbally discharged -- he further saith that from the time his last service ended he held himself in constant readiness as a minute man, ready to march at any time, until the war ended, he further saith that he has no Documentary evidence & that he knows of no person that is alive at this time, whose Testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Service --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever [to a] pension or annuity except the present,

& declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any State -- Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Matthew Roe, X his mark

Questions asked by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Franklin County North Carolina, but do not know the year of my birth, but from what I can learn I must be upon the rise of 80 years --

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have no record of my age --

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived in Franklin County North Carolina at the time I was in the Service & have continued to live there ever since until the last 8 years I have lived the greater part in Guilford County --

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- I refer you to my declaration in answer to this question --

6th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer -- Mr. Moses Gibson, Captain George Clapp, Jos Gibson, esqr. & Mrs. Sally Fortner.

[Joseph Gibson & Sarah Fortner gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition, Sarah Fortner "saith that many years ago she heard the said Matthew Roe telling over his Services, with other aged men that were in the service, & that, & that it was reported & believed in the neighborhood where he lived in Franklin County that he was a soldier of the Revolution."]