

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ford S2558

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State of North Carolina Chowan County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 18th day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Chowan now sitting William Ford a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-eight years, who being first 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 and served as herein stated, viz.: That he was drafted in the year '77 or '78 by Captain Thomas Hunter and proceeded on his march from the County of Chowan to the village of Kingston [Kinston] in the State where one Captain James Roberts took charge of the company & John Walton of Chowan was its 1st Lieutenant -- that under the command of these officers he joined the southern division of the Army at headquarters then stationed in Augusta (Georgia) the North Carolina militia being commanded by General Ashe [John Ashe] -- that he was attached to the 1st Regiment of North Carolina militia under the command of Colonel Solomon Perkins of Camden County North Carolina -- that a short time after he joined the Main Army, General Ashe on a line of march to join General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was attacked by the enemy at Briar Creek (Georgia) [March 3, 1779] where we were discomfited and had to make our retreat to South Carolina -- that the claimant served in this engagement under the officers above named -- that it occurred on the ___ day of March ___ -- that one Colonel John P. Williams [John Pugh Williams] of Burke he County North Carolina commanded a Regiment under General Ashe and acted bravely in this contest, & narrowly escaped capture by the enemy -- that General Lincon [Benjamin Lincoln] commanded the Continental Troops at the time this claimant served under General Ashe -- that in going to Augusta the Company to which claimant was attached encamped for two days near Charleston -- that he was regularly discharged and immediately returned home after an absence in the service of his country of more than six months.

This claimant further states that about twelve months after his return from the southern campaign, he was drafted by Captain William Skinner that he joined at Edenton North Carolina the company of Captain Richard Hewitt [Richard Hewett] of Tyrrell County North Carolina Joseph Whidbee [?] of Edenton being 1st Lieutenant whence he proceeded to the North West River Bridge in Virginia where he was attached to the Regiment of Colonel James Blount under the command of General Gregory -- he remained at this station for three months until he was regularly discharged -- this claimant has no documentary evidence to support the facts above

stated.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the agency of the Pension Roll of any State.

Questions propounded to the applicant by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In the County of Chowan State of North Carolina & in the year 1744.

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

Ans: No

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

Ans: In the County of Chowan where I have resided all my life.

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

Ans: 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.—OMITTED]

5th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I did, but it is lost or mislaid.

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.

Ans: Rev'd Zachariah Evans, Col. Will: Bullock and Jacob Baker, Esqr.

We Malachi Halsey¹ & Henry Halsey² -- citizens of the County of Chowan do certify & depose that William Ford was drafted in company with us and served in the revolutionary war as above stated.

S/ Malachi Halsey, X his mark

S/ Henry Halsey, X his mark

The above statement & declaration of William Ford was sworn to and acknowledged in open Court, the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Edw Hoskins, Clk

S/ William Ford, X his mark

Sworn to and acknowledged in open Court the day above written. Test: S/ Edwd Hoskins, Clk [Zachariah Evans & Thomas V. Hathaway, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The amended declaration of William Ford as taken before Joseph Manning Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the County of Chowan.

The applicant being duly sworn on the Holy Gospels deposeth & saith. That by reference to memorandums [sic] contained in a Pslam [sic, Psalm] Book shortly after he was drafted, (which book was exhibited to the Justice therefore whom this affidavit was made) he is enabled positively to state that he was drafted in the month of November 1778 to go to the South as previously stated -- that he served in the Southern campaign three months and that from the time he was drafted until he marched home embraced a period of five months & that he was

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discharged by Captain James Roberts. -- That in the month of November 1780, he was drafted to go to Virginia as before stated that he there served three months & was discharged by Lieutenant Joseph Whidbee [Joseph Whidby]. This affiant states as before stated that both these discharges are lost.

This affiant further states that Malachi Halsey & Henry Halsey were drafted with him at the same time -- served the same time & returned the same time to the County of Chowan from each tour.

Test: S/ Joseph Manning

S/ William Ford, X his mark

[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.]