

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Billingsley S30862

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State of Kentucky Warren County: Sct.

On this 23rd day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Magistrates of the Warren County Court now sitting John Billingsley a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged in his 80th year 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 July 7th 1832 [sic, June 7th, 1832]. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

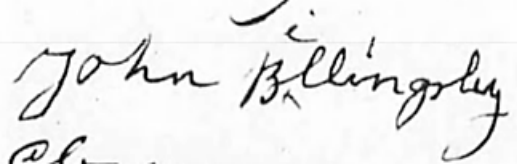
He was drafted for six months in the State of North Carolina Rutherford County in the year 1776 in which County he then resided, James McFaden [James McFadden] was his Capt. and Andrew Hampton was his Col. His Corps ranged through the Saluda Mountains & the mountains of Green River in NC to guard against the Tories & Indians -- he served out said term & was discharged by said Col. Hampton at his camp in Rutherford County of aforesaid which discharge he has lost. He was again in a few days after drafted in the same County for six months & served under the same officers for six months more, & marched through the same Country as before & was discharged by the same officer -- which is lost also -- He again about the year 1777 or 78 was called on in Randolph County in NC he was again drafted for six months to the best of his recollection & belief & served under Capt. John Arnold & Col. Colliers (he believes) he marched towards the sand hills after the Tories, he was discharged by Arnold this time in said County of Randolph, which discharge is also lost. He was again drafted in Randolph County NC and served under Capt. Britton Fuller [Brittain Fuller] & Col. Collier & General Davidson, he marched out to near Santee. This time against the British & Tories who then lay near Santee River, he went out for six months this time towards the end of this tour he was sent on an express to Col. Francis Lock [sic, Francis Locke] 9 miles above Salisbury to raise more troops & General Davidson¹ was killed while he was gone, he was then placed under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & Capt. Jacob Williams for the residue of this tour at General Smallwood's [William Smallwood's] Camp -- he served this tour out & was discharged by General Morgan & **Jacob Williams at the Ford of Turkey Creek on the²** Christmas before the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], and a few days thereafter he joined Capt. Thomas Williams & served but a few days but cannot recollect how many. He has no documentary evidence of his service & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can

¹ William Lee Davidson was killed at Cowan's Ford on February 1, 1781.

² This line of text is missing from the digital image on Fold3.com but can be found on the digital image of HeritageQuest.com.

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 the pension Roll of the agency of any State.
Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Billingsley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Billingsley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "John" is written in a large, flowing script, followed by "Billingsley" in a similar but slightly smaller script. There are some faint, illegible marks below the signature.

[Merrick Harrington, a clergyman, Joshua Brown and Nathan Hale gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia.]