

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Childress S31609

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State of Illinois White County

On this 4th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable William Wilson Judge of the White Circuit Court being a court of record now sitting John Childress a resident of said County of White & State aforesaid aged 68 years, 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the militia under the following named officers and served as herein stated, General Butler [John Butler], Colonel Collier, Major Dougherty, Captain Micajah Brown Lieutenant Barker. That he was drafted in July 1780 and marched from Wake County North Carolina where he resided first [to] Salisbury North Carolina & remained there six weeks from thence to Camden South Carolina and ranged in that vicinity to break up parties of Tories. That while his Regiment was at Salisbury Colonel Moore of Orange [County] with 250 man under his command, went to Rugeley's Mill and captured about 300 Tories & British and marched them to Salisbury North Carolina. That after that he was marched with his Regiment to Camden or near the there & remained there until his three months had expired when he was discharged and returned home. That in the summer of 1781, while General Greene was at the hills of the Santee under Colonel Farmer, Major John Humphries, Captain Martin Lane, Lieutenant Henry Pope he was drafted and marched from Wake County to Camden where he joined the main Army under General Greene and marched from there to Eutaw Springs but was not in the engagement in consequence of an injury he had received in his foot. That after the battle he went to Waxhaw settlement with the prisoners taken at the battle, left the prisoners there and marched [to] Santee where he remained until his three months had expired & then returned home.

That under Colonel William Moore, Major Sharpe, Captain John Taylor, he entered the service as a substitute for Edward Hopson who resided in Orange County, who had been drafted that this was in November 1781 as well as he can now remember. That he marched from there to Hillsboro in the same state, & remained there and in that vicinity to keep in check the Tories under the command of Colonel Fanning [David Fanning]. That he was out this tour three months.

That immediately after his last discharge under the same Colonel & Major & Captain

John Trench he entered the service as a substitute for Henry Cole, that he again marched to Hillsboro NC and was engaged in the same duty as in his last tour and finally discharged early in the spring of 1782. That he was not out this time his full three months but about nine weeks as he now thinks. That from the nature of his service he was not much with the regular Army and that he has no recollection of any officers or of any of the regiments with whom he served. That he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services.

That he was born in the County of Wake North Carolina on the 22 of July 1766. Has no record of his age. That when called into service he resided in Wake County North Carolina. That he resided there five years after his discharge, that he then removed to Spackinburgh [sic, Spartanburg] County South Carolina, resided there six years then removed to Burke County North Carolina resided there nine years, then removed to Bunkum [sic, Buncombe] County same state resided there three years, then to Warren County Tennessee & resided there seven or eight years then to Franklin same state resided there eight or nine years, then to Laurens County same state resided there five years then back to Franklin County resided there two years, and then to Shelby County this state resided there three years and then came to this County where he has since resided.

That he received a discharge from the captains of his company on his three first tours, on his last none, that they have been mislaid and cannot say what has become of them.

That Noah Douthill and Ritshand Frier all persons residing in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution – He hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jas. Ratcliff

S/ John Childress, X his mark

[Jonah Douthill and Ritshand Frier gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months and three days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]