

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Combs S31626

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State of Georgia County of Wilkes: On this the 13th day of January in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Inferior Court in and for said County sitting for ordinary purposes now in session John Combs a resident in said County of Wilkes and State of Georgia aged sixty-nine years the 7th day of last September, who having been first duly sworn in due form of law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated – He first (and about the age of fifteen) volunteered under Captain William Cooksey in the State of South Carolina & (as he thinks) in Fairfield District. He cannot recollect the time when he entered the service under Captain Cooksey but believes it was in 1779 or 1780 & he believes in the winter season. That he continued in said service as long as six months when he was taken prisoner by the Tories. That after he was released from their custody (the time he cannot recollect, but knows it was after the British had taken possession of Charleston) he was drafted in the same District & State of South Carolina and entered the service under Captain Morris Lisle [sic, Aramanous Liles?], and continued in such service for three months when he was discharged. That in about three months thereafter he entered the service again by virtue of a draft under Captain Lisle where he continued to serve for three months when he was discharged and that soon thereafter peace was declared. That he resided in South Carolina & (as he thinks) in Fairfield district when he entered each term of service above mentioned. That during the time he was a volunteer under Captain Cooksey, he was in no regular Camp, but carried on an irregular warfare with the Tories until he was taken by them. That during the first service under Captain Lisle he was encamped at Orangeburg, on the Edisto [River] protecting the country from the incursions of the enemy. The British in Charleston & the Tories in the country. That during the time of his last service he was encamped at the Four Holes Bridge within about thirty miles of Charleston.

That during his service under Captain Lisle, Colonel David (he thinks) Hopkins was [word written over and smudged] both of said terms under Captain Lisle) commander of the Regiment to which his company was attached.

Applicant cannot say that he was in any regular engagement. Neither can he say he served with any Continental regiments, or companies, though he recollects that during the time that he was encamped at the Four Holes Bridge, he saw Colonel Washington's horseman.

That he recollects that General Green [Nathanael Greene] was at Ninety Six about the time of his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. And that he has no

evidence now accessible of his services [as] a revolutionary soldier. That there is a witness living whose evidence he has endeavored to obtain and has been unable to succeed.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ John H. Dyson, CCC

S/ John Combs

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Combs". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The first letter "J" is large and loops around the "o". The "C" is also large and loops around the "o". The "m" and "b" are connected and looped. The "s" is a simple cursive flourish.

[Joseph A. Carter, a clergyman, and Richardson Booker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The answers of the applicant to the Interrogatories propounded by the court in pursuance of the directions given by the War Department.

To the first the applicant answers that he was born in Amelia County State of Virginia on the 7th day of September 1764.

To the second he answers that there was a record of his age but he does not know where it now is

To the third he answers that when called into service he lived in Fairfield district South Carolina where he resided until 1783 when he moved into Wilkes County State of Georgia where he has resided ever since

To the fourth he answers, That he entered the service once as a volunteer & twice by virtue of a draft

To the fifth he answers that he has stated everything that would be an answer to this interrogatory as fully as he is able, and his above declaration

To the sixth he says that he recollects of having received no written discharge from the service

To the seventh he answers in his present neighborhood he is known to Joseph a Carter & Richardson Booker & who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 11th day of January 1834

S/ John H. Dyson, CCC

S/ John Combs

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