

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Silas Teasly (Teasley) S32009

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State of Georgia, Elbert County } SS

On this twenty second day of January in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before, William A. Beck , James Oliver & Dilliard Herndon, Justices of the Inferior Court in and for the County of Elbert now sitting, Silas Teasley a resident in the County of Elbert and State of Georgia, aged Seventy Seven 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he was drafted into the United States Service for three months, under Captain Valentine Sevier, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier in the year 1780, that at the time when he was drafted into the service, he the said Silas Teasley resided in the County of Bute, now Franklin County, in the State of North Carolina, and joined his Regiment at the Town of Halifax on the Roanoke River, where he remained until after the expiration of his service, when he received a written discharge for the same, signed by one Colonel Carter [possibly John Carter of the Washington District Regiment of NC militia].¹

That he also entered the Service of the United States in the Militia for three months under Captain Valentine Sevier in a detachment commanded by Colonel John Sevier, the time he does not exactly recollect, but believes to be in either of the years 1780 or '81, that when he entered into the last service, he resided in the County of Washington, North Carolina (now the State of Tennessee) on the Watauga River near the Sycamore Shoals, we joined his detachment in the Indian Nation, from thence marched to the Middle Settlements of the Indians on the Tennessee River, where he had several Battles with the Indians, from thence back to the place of his residence, where he was discharged after the expiration of his service, making in all six months Service in the United States during the Revolutionary War.

He says that he was born in the County of Isle of Wight State of Virginia on the 25th day of July 1755 and that he has no register of his age. He saith when he was called into Service of the United States, he lived in the County of Bute, now Franklin County State of North Carolina, and in the County of Washington then North Carolina, now the State of Virginia; that he lived about two years after the Revolutionary War in the State of North Carolina, from thence removed to the County of Wilkes, now Elbert, in the State of Georgia, where he has resided ever since, and now resides there.

He says that he was drafted into the service of the United States and that he served with

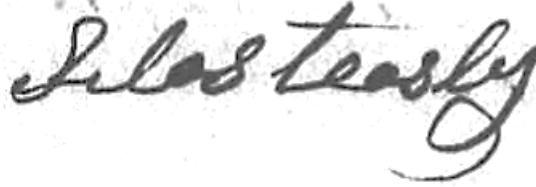
1 This transcriber thinks it very unlikely that this applicant served under any members of the Sevier family while residing in Franklin County, NC. The Sevier family appears to have resided in the far western portion of NC (now Tennessee) during the entire Revolutionary War period.

no other Regiment but his own. He says that he received a written discharge for his first services given by one Colonel Carter which has either been lost or destroyed, for the last time he entered the service of the United States, he only received a verbal discharge.

He states that the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, are Moses Hunt, Leonard Rice, James Riley and Harris Tyner. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, except__ who can testify to his services, as a soldier of the Revolution.

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.

S/ Silas Teasly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Silas Teasly". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large, looping initial 'S'.

Sworn to, and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: S/ Benj. W. Fortson, Clk

[James Davis, a clergyman, and William A. Beck gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[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.]