

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Rahn S32465

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State of Georgia County of Effingham

On this 10th day of December in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William Law Judge of the Superior Court of the Eastern district of the State of Georgia, Johnson Rahn a resident of the County of Effingham in the State of Georgia aged seventy-one 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 the 7th of June 1832

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 with Captain Lucas and served in the Georgia Battalion in the service of the United States, under the following named officers. That when he so enlisted and entered the service he resided at Ebenezer in the County of Effingham and State of Georgia -- to wit (as nearly as he can recollect) in the summer 1781. That the Major who commanded the said Battalion was John Habersham -- his Captain's name was Lucas -- his first Lieutenant was Frederick Shick the adjutant of the Battalion was Mr. Berry and Frederick Long was Sergeant Major. That from the period of his said enlistment he served in said Battalion, under the officers aforesaid, until the 10th day of December 1783 when he received his discharge from his said Major, which original discharge he has ever since retained and now produces before the Court to be hereto annexed. That he so serve for 2 years -- during which 2 years he was, and served as a Corporal in the said Company for the whole of the time --

And he further declares that he march from Ebenezer aforesaid where he enlisted to the City of Savannah in Georgia, and that his Battalion remained in Savannah from the time when the British left it until his discharge as aforesaid. That during his said enlistment, he was sent on an expedition with the command of twelve men from Savannah to Colonel's Island near Sunbury in Georgia and at another time during his said enlistment, to Augusta in Georgia under an Ensign and twenty-one men from Savannah to carry and guard public property. That when General Greene was in Savannah he served as his orderly for 2 months -- that he served his said 2 years in Georgia & between the places aforesaid and that he was in no battle. That he was principally in Garrison and during his said enlistment and service of 2 years he followed not any civil pursuit.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Law, Judge Superior Courts

S/ Johnson Rahn

[James S. Olcott, a clergyman, and David Metzger gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William Law Judge -- Jonathan Snider¹ of said County aged 72 years who on his oath declares that he the deponent served in the Army of the Revolution in the Georgia Battalion in the service of the United States commanded by Major John Habersham -- and that for such service he now receives a pension from Government. He further declares on his oath that he well and personally knows Jonathan Rahn the present applicant for a pension, that he has known him during and ever since the revolution and knows personally that he the said Johnson Rahn served in the said Battalion with this deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ William Law, Judge

S/ Jonathan Snyder, X his mark

By Major John Habersham, commanding the Georgia Battalion, in the Service of the United States of America.

In Pursuance of a Proclamation issued by his Excellency George Washington, Esquire, Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States of America, bearing Date the 4th day of November last, the Bearer hereof, Jonathan Rahn, Corporal -- in the said Battalion, is discharged from the same, he having been enlisted to serve for 2 years, The war should continued so long, this Engagement he has fulfilled as a good and faithful Soldier.

Given at Savannah, in Georgia, the 10th December, 1783
All concerned.

S/ John Habersham

¹ [Jonathan Snider W2185](#)