

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Warren S3458

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County

On this 21st day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared before Henry Trott, James Mitchell, V. D. Cowan the justices of the Court Reverend John Warren a resident of the County and State above mentioned, aged 73 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He lived in Petersburg Dinwiddie County Virginia when he enlisted in the Army of the United States which was in the year 1777 or thereabouts. He enlisted with Captain Cadwallader Jones and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Baylor [probably Colonel George Baylor], which he joined at Fredericksburg in Virginia. And marched under his command to the Army under the command of General Washington which he joined about ten days after the battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777]. He continued in Colonel Baylor's Troop of Cavalry till he was surprised by General Gray a British officer in the fall of 1778 as well as he remembers in this action Colonel Baylor was wounded and never joined the Army afterward as deponent thinks, Major Clough [Alexander Clough killed at Old Tappan, NJ or NY 28 September 1778¹] who acted as adjutant was wounded taken prisoner and died in captivity as he understood, Lieutenant Marrow [probably Robert Morrow] was wounded, and all the men who did not make there were put to the sword. Colonel Washington [William Washington] took command of the remnant of the Regiment under whom he was as far north as the Continental village north of the North River. The applicant then marched in Colonel Washington's troop of Cavalry to join the southern Army, the Regiment staying sometime at Petersburg Virginia the weather being very cold. The first action he was in South Carolina was at Monk's Corner [Moncks Corner April 14, 1780²], Colonel Washington being surprised in the night, by the British troops under Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] as well as he remembers. Not far from Mauny's Ferry [?] on the Santee River the applicant got his discharge having served in the cavalry first under Colonel Baylor and Colonel Washington three years. The troop of horse as well as he remembers was called the third Troop that he was attached to. The applicant having returned to Petersburg, in a short time however he joined the Army as a substitute for man who was drafted for 18 months, but does not recollect his name. Colonel Campbell commanding the Regiment Major Edmiston was second in command the above named officers commanded the Regiment at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in said action he was in the year 1781 between the middle of March in the first of April, as well as

¹ There is an excellent recounting of this engagement posted at

<http://www.bergencountyhistory.org/Pages/baylormassacre.html>

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moncks_corner.html

he recollects. The Army retreated from Guilford Court House to the old iron works at which place, to the best of his knowledge, Lieutenant Manning came for men to recruit Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Henry" Lee] Infantry. The applicant was selected by consent, Rudolph [Michael Rudolph] was the Captain of his company, Handy [George Handy] Lieutenant, Colonel Lee led his troop into South Carolina. He first took for Scotch Lake [Fort Watson April 1781³] on the Santee by capitulation, also Fort Thompson [Fort Thomson] or as some called it Fort Buck Head [Buckhead, Fort Motte, May 12, 1781⁴]; Then he took Fort Friday [Fort Granby, May 15, 1781⁵] where Major Maxfield [Andrew Maxwell] a British officer commanded. He then marched to Savannah River and took Fort Golphin [Fort Galphin, May 21, 1781⁶] 16 miles below Augusta. Then he took Fort Gressen [Fort Grierson, May 23, 1781⁷] Gressen [James Grierson] a Tory commanding. Then he took Fort Brown [Fort Cornwallis, June 1, 1781⁸], commanded by Brown [Thomas Brown] a British officer. After which event Colonel Lee marched his troops to join the main Army under Captain Green at Fort Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21 – June 19, 1781⁹], which was relieved a short time afterwards by Lord Rawdon. The American Army had taken the spring and was upon the eve of taking the Fort. He does not remember to have been in any action afterwards and having served 18 months, took his discharge. The applicant served in all 4 years and 6 months in the regular Army and never was in the militia. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

S/ Jon Warren



[fn p. 9: On July 3, 1838 in Rutherford County Tennessee, Robert B Warren, Thomas Warren, James White & Rebecca White his wife, Anderson Short¹⁰ [husband of Elizabeth Short formerly Elizabeth Warren, now dead], John Hoover and Charles Dement gave proof that Robert B Warren, Thomas Warren, Rebecca White, Elizabeth Short (formerly the wife of Anderson Short, but who is now deceased), John H Warren, Nathaniel Warren and Peter Warren are the only lawful children and heirs at law of the late John Warren, a revolutionary pensioner who died September 26, 1836; that he left no widow; that John Warren died in Rutherford County Tennessee where he had lived for 31 years prior to his death having prior thereto lived in Charlotte County Virginia.]

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fort_motte.html

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

⁶ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortgalphin.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_galphin.html

⁷ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortcornwallis.htm>

⁸ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortcornwallis.htm>

⁹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html and

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ninety-six.htm>

¹⁰ As Guardian of James, Samuel and Martha Short, minors under the age of 21 and children of Elizabeth Short deceased

John B. Cannon
Thomas Warren
John Hancock
to Charles Sumner
Andrews
James White

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to John Warren S3458

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The legibility is poor.]

[several undeciphered words] John Warren of the county of Charlotte was a soldier for eighteen months in the reg't. commanded by the late Col Campbell [Richard Campbell BLWt347-450] who was killed at the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], from which regt. he was transferred to the Infantry of my Legion where he served for the remainder[?] of his time with fidelity – previous to his enlisting in Campbell's detachment he was I believe a soldier for three years in the reg't. of Dragoons commanded by Col. Baylor [George Baylor W5966].

[signed] Henry Lee
31st Jan'y 1792