

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mires S35002

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Original Claim of John Mires, a Soldier in the Service of the United States of America in the Revolutionary War Tenth Judicial District of the State of Mississippi on this fourth day of February in the year of our Lord 1822.

Personally appeared in Open court (to wit) in the County Court in and for the County of Lawrence and State aforesaid being a Court of Record whose proceedings are had according to the Course of the Common law having power to fine and imprison and who keeps a full and perfect Record of the proceedings of the said Court, John Mires, resident in said County aged about Sixty Eight years as near as he can ascertain not being a man of letters and having no record of his age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath, make the following Statement in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said John Mires enlisted as a Common Soldier in the Service of the United States for the term of three years sometime in the summer season as near as he can recollect having lost all records of his Enlistment in the year 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the Company Commanded by Capt. Andrew Lernory [sic, Andrew Vannoy (also spelled Van Noy and Vanois)] in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Abraham Shephert [Abraham Sheppard] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Southern Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps about seven months when he was transferred into Capt. Craddock's [John Craddock's] Company in the 2nd Regiment Commanded by Col. Clark [Thomas Clark] whose Christon [Christian] name he has forgotten that he the said John Continued to serve in the said Craddock's company in the 2nd Regiment until the battle of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in which battle he said John was taken a prisoner by the British and that he was detained as such prisoner about two months when he the said John deserted from the British in company with four others whose time then being expired when he was discharged from the said Service in the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina by Major Hardy Murphy [sic, Hardy Murfree] whose given name he has forgotten and his discharge lost or mislaid so that he cannot State the time when the said discharge was dated he then by the request of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] volunteered as a pilot at the Battle of Gilford [Guilford, March 15, 1781] and that he again volunteered at the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] under Capt. Robert Bell. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Stoney Point [July 16, 1778], Charlestown, Guilford and Eutaw and that he was wounded at Hackensack bridge as he believes with a sword through the left arm and on the left hip with the brich [sic, breach?] of a gun while on Picket guard and that he has no other Living witness who has knowledge or other Evidence

except his own oath of his services. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I have no real property, my personal property except necessary clothing and bedding consist of two cows and a 2-year-old heifer my occupation is a common laborer which occupation from my age & infirmities I am unable to pursue said labor. I have no one of my family residing with me except my wife whose age is about sixty-five and unable to contribute to our Support and that without the aid of the government we shall have to apply to public or private charity.

S John Mires, X his mark

Sworn to & declared on the fourth day of February in the year 1822 before the County Court of Lawrence County in and for the State of Mississippi.

S/ Harmon M. Runnels

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 16th March 1822

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Mires a private in Capt. Vanoy's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 21st day of August 1777 for the term of three years, nothing said of his discharge &c.

Given under my and at Office the date above

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 4, 1822 for service as a private for 3 years in the NC Continental Line.]