

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John May S36690

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State of Indiana Jefferson County: SS

On this 22nd day of June 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Jefferson County Circuit Court, personally appeared John May aged sixty-one years resident in Ripley County State of Indiana who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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:" That he the said John May enlisted in Salsberry [sic, Salisbury] North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Mr. Cagy Lewis [Micajah Lewis] of the 4th Regiment of North Carolina in the Continental Army: that he continued to serve in said corps for the term of nine months when he was discharged from service in Sallsberry [sic, Salisbury] North Carolina, that he enlisted a 2nd time in Sallsberry State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Capt. Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] of the 4th Regiment of North Carolina, that he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States until the close of the revolutionary war about twenty-seven months in all; that he was in the battle of Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779]¹ & Guilford [March 15, 1781]² and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Davis Floyd, President
Second Circuit

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 9th December 1818

I hereby certify that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line that John May enlisted as a private under Capt. Sharp of the 10th Regiment³ in 1782 for 18 months, but it does not appear how long he served. Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill,

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

³ J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 4th NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_m.html and search for "May, John."

State of Indiana Jefferson County: October Term 1820: SS

On this 25th [?] day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record so made by the Constitution & laws of this State by the name and Style of the Jefferson Circuit Court of the second judicial Circuit or district John May age sixty-five years resident of said County and State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. In the 4th Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle Capt. Anthony Sharp's Company he has received one pension & one half of a pension No. Of the pension Certificate 5003 date of original Certificate 22nd of June 1818. And 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

Real estate I have none

Personal Estate I have none

My Occupation a farmer & not able to follow it. I have no family whatever.

S/ John May, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 22, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]