

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Low S38916

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District } Personally came Thomas Wyatt of said District before me Daniel White one of the Justices of the Quorum for said District & duly made oath that he was personally acquainted with John Low Senior in the time of the Revolutionary War between the United States & Great Britain & that he the said Low did take up arms in behalf of the United States against the British forces & acted in the office of Lieutenant in the American Army and did enlist men into the service, & that he this deponent is still acquainted with the said Low who is in indigent circumstances and in his opinion is by no means able to support himself by his labor he being very old & also decrippled [sic] in one leg.

Sworn & subscribed this 9th Day of November 1818 before me

S/ Daniel White, JQ

S/ Thomas Wyatt



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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District } On this 5th day of April 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Court of law in the State aforesaid personally appeared John Low Senior aged Seventy Three years resident in the District aforesaid and State of South Carolina who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. That he the said John Low Senior served as a Second Lieutenant under Captain James Wilson in the Continental Service in the 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepherd North Carolina line and that he entered the service in North Carolina, Caswell County for the term of eighteen months and he further saith that he received his commission in the spring of 1777 and resigned in the fall of 1778 -- and that he was stationed in Caswell County North Carolina for the purpose of recruiting and from that place he was ordered to join the Army at Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina and after serving in Virginia and Maryland at Georgetown having impaired his health he was furloughed for to recruit men again [in] Caswell County North Carolina by reason of Colonel Litles [sic, Archibald Lytle's]

Regiment lying near him he was ordered to joined that Regiment but does remembered [sic, does not remember] What that the Regiment was called But not recovering his health he resigned his commission soon after joining that Regiment he further saith that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his support for he is so far worn with age that he is unable to labor and that he has no other Evidence in his power but what he has produced of his services.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 5th day of April 1819.

S/ John Low Sener



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State of North Carolina Rutherford County} Personally came Joshua Adcock<sup>1</sup> before me one of the justices of the peace for the County aforesaid and duly made oath that he was well acquainted with John Low Senior previous to the Revolutionary War and he further saith that the said John Low Senior acted as a Lieutenant in the United States Army for the Space of between twelve and eighteen months in the 10th Regiment as he thinks called the North Carolina Regulars commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepherd, he saith further that he the said deponent was Enlisted by Lieutenant John Low and that he this deponent served in the capacity of cook for Lieutenant John Low he saith further that Lieutenant John Low was furloughed from the Army when it Lay in Maryland for the recovery of his health & to recruit Soldiers he saith that Lieutenant John Low was a resident at that time of Caswell County North Carolina But removed after the war to Spartanburg South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th of January 1819

S/ Joshua Adcock



S/ Joe Cloud, JP

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 16th of June 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in and 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 Lowe a Lieutenant in Captain Wilson's Company of the 10th Regiment was commissioned on the 19th of April 1777, and was omitted in January 1778.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District} On the 5th day of November 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said District (to wit) the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas) John Low a resident of Spartanburg district South Carolina late a Lieutenant in the Army of the Revolution aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn

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<sup>1</sup> [Joshua Adcock S6467](#)

according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and of the first of May 1820 that he the said John Low he is at this time a resident of Spartanburg district. And that he entered the service of the United States as a Lieutenant in the Continental Establishment in the Revolutionary War against the Common Enemy in the Spring of the year 1777 in Captain James Wilson's Company attached to the 10th Regiment North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Abm Shepherd [Abraham Shepherd] and that being in a bad State of health he was furloughed to return from near Georgetown in Maryland to Caswell County North Carolina to recruit. The 6th Regiment lying near him he was ordered to attached himself to the same. That remaining in a bad state of health he resigned his Commission in the fall of the year 1778 and that he has no other evidence of his said services except that already sent on to the office of the Secretary for the War department at Washington City with the original Declaration.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Schedule

Five head of hogs	\$15.00
One hoe	1.00
One axe	2.25
Some table furniture	2.00
Two pots & two pr hooks	5.00
One Oven	1.50
One Wedge	<u>.50</u>
	\$27.25.0

S/ John Low, Senr.

And I the said John Low do further swear that I am a farmer by Occupation that I am entirely unable to labor for a support -- that I have two in family besides myself who reside with me (to wit) my Wife Jane Low between 65 & 70 years of age who is in an afflicted State so that she cannot raise either of her hands to her head -- one grandchild named Abner Low about 17 years of age. I do further swear that I have obtained from the War Department one certificate bearing date the 21st of June 1820 the number of which is 17.555 and Commenced drawing pay on the 5th day of April 1819 which is the date of the original Declaration and that I owe \$50 which debt I have been compelled to contract for a support.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court before me.

S/ Richard Gantt

S/ John Low, Senr.

State of Georgia Rabun County Ordinaries Office Made the 27th 1828

I certify that satisfactory Evidence has been adduced to me to prove that Betsey Moore wife of the Reverend Hugh Moore of Spartanburg District South Carolina the heir at law and the sole heir at law in fee to Lieutenant John Low Late a Commissioned Lieutenant in Captain

Wilson's Company 10th Regiment Commanded by Colonel Shepherd North Carolina line and that said Lieutenant John Low was commissioned on the 19th day of April 1777 and that he was slain near the Ford called Beaties [sic, Beatties] on the Catawba River while engaged with the common Enemy (to wit a party of Tories) was attempting to rescue some men he had enlisted under the command of Captain Wilson whose affidavit is filed in my office. Given under my hand and seal of office this 29th day of May 1828 I further state that he was slain on the 28th day of January 1778 and company of Captain Wilson

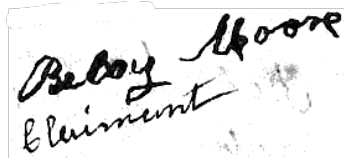
S/ Henry Cannon, Judge of the Court of Ordinary

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State of Georgia Rabun County: Came personally before me Mrs. Betsey Moore wife of the Rev'd Hugh Moore and duly made oath that she has never received a land warrant promised to her father under whom she as heir or heiress at law claims (to wit) Lieutenant John Low who was commissioned on the 19th day of April 1777 in Captain Wilson's company 10th Regiment North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Shepherd and was slain in a conflict with the Common Enemy at or near Beaties [Beatties] Ford on Catawba River on the 28th of January 1778 and that she has not assigned, transferred nor conveyed the same in no manner whatever. I therefore request the Honorable Secretary at War to have the warrant forwarded to me at Spartanburg Court house South Carolina and this shall be his receipt for the same. 29th day of May 1828

S/ Betsey Moore

Claimant

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsey Moore" on the top line and "Claimant" on the line below. The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted.

S/ Henry Cannon, JP

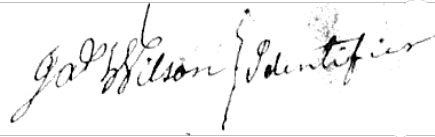
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Before me Henry Cannon a Justice of the peace personally Betsey Moore the wife of the Rev'd Hugh Moore the subscriber to the above and acknowledged the declaration and letter of attorney to be her order and free act and deed for the purpose therein mentioned and at the same time appeared Captain James Wilson Gentlemen of high Veracity and undoubted truth who upon oath deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with Lieutenant John Low and well knows that he was Commissioned on the 19th day of April 1777 and that he was Commissioned for during the war in the Company I had the honor to command in the tenth Regiment North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Shepherd and he further deposes that he well knows that he was slain on the twenty Eighth day of January 1778 in a conflict with the common Enemy near a place called Beatties Ford on the Catawba River (under my command) he fought valiantly until he fell defending some men we had enlisted and was conveying to head quarters and that we belonged to the Continental Establishment he further deposes that he was well acquainted with the above named Betsey Moore and knows her to be the only child and heir or heiress at law the said John Low had that he knew her from her childhood till she married the Reverend Hugh Moore and since she settled in Spartanburg District South Carolina he had often lodged at their house and well knows her to be the same identical daughter of John Low and his heir or heiress at law.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 29th day of May 1828

S/ Henry Cannon, JP

S/ Jas. Wilson, Identifier

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jas. Wilson Identifier", written over a horizontal line.

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Low a Lieutenant in Captain Wilson's Company of the 10th Regiment was Commissioned as such on the 19th day of April 1777, and omitted in January 1778; that nothing more is said of him on said rolls. The said 10th Regiment was Commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepperd.

Given under my hand this 17th of September 1828

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month to commence April 5th, 1819 for one year's service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental line.]

[Transcriber's Note: There is no documentation showing if the conflict between the claims of John Low and Betsey Moore were ever resolved or that the conflict was even acknowledged by the War Department.]