

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Austin S39154

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State of Tennessee }

Sumner County } September the Twenty fourth in the year 1818

This day personally came before me Jacob C. Isacks one of the Circuit Judges of the state of Tennessee John Austin of said county county and state aged about [?]7 years. And being first duly sworn makes the following declaration and statement on oath. Viz. That some in the year 1776 he Inlisted as a private in the County of Hanover and state Virginia which inlistment was for the space of 18 months under Capt Charles Dabney who was attach'd first to a Regiment commanded by Col Rhea and afterwards by Col Sam'l. Meredith [Samuel Meredith] under whom he serv'd out the full term of his inlistment and was honorably discharged at Portsmouth. That some time afterwards he inlisted again in the regular service of the said U.S. from Virginia under Capt Taply White [sic: Tarpley White] for the term of 2 years who at first belonged to the 1st Virginia Regiment. this last service he enterd upon about 4 months before the battle of Guildford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and fought in that battle & the battle at Campden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and the Utau Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] under the command of Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] which last term of inlistment he serv'd out and was honorably discharged at Salisberry N. Carolina [sic: Salisbury NC] by a Maj. Sneed [sic: Smith Sneed]. That by time and accident both of said discharges have been lost or destroyed so that he cannot now produce them. That he is now old and infirm by age and hardship and not from wounds receiv'd in service – tho he receiv'd several wounds they were so slight as not disable him. And further says that he is in such reduced circumstances in life as to stand in need of the assistance of his country for a support

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written.

[signed] John Austin

[Samuel Higgason pension application S4370, deposed that he had witnessed Austin's enlistment some time before the Declaration of Independence.]

District of West Tennessee SS. On this 23rd day of August 1821 personally appeared in open court, in the county of Sumner in said State, being a court of record for the said County John Austin aged sixty seven years resident in said county in said district who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted in 1776 or 1777 in the Virginia line & served three years & six months, in Virginia, and North & South Carolina, principal part of the time under the immediate command of Major Gen'l. Nathaniel Greene and at the expiration of his time of service he was honorably discharged at Salisbury in North Carolina.

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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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. [signed] John Austin

Schedule

One horse worth about forty dollars

12 head of hogs, one bed & furniture six plates, two chisles, half dozen cups & saucers two plows one

axe six knives & forks two pots & two tubbs 1 spinning wheel

[signed] John Austin

NOTE: Size rolls compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse VA include the following information:

Jno. Austin/ age 25/ height 5 ft 8½ inches/ Carpenter/ born in Hanover County VA/ residing in same county/ hair brown/ eyes gray/ complection dark/ enlisted 8 Sep 1780 for 1 yr 6 months/ Second Regiment.