

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Warner S39875

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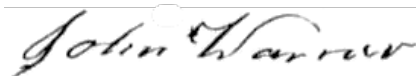
State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations

Kent Sc To the Honourable Henry Remington Esquire Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court for the State of Rhode Island in the County of Kent Greeting

I John Warner of Country in the County of Kent a Resident Citizen of the United States do hereby for the purpose of Obtaining the benefit of an Act of the Congress of the United States of America Entitled An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war make application and State to your Honour's r on Oath that I entered the Service in said war, against the common enemy in the beginning of 1778 on board the Ship *Providence*¹ in the capacity of a Quarter Gunner Said Ship being a Continental Ship Commanded by Abraham Whipple Esquire, it being on her first voyage to France & back to America & Remained on board said Ship until She was Taken being more than fifteen months & I further represent to your honour that I was Exchanged and honourably discharged, that owing to the frequent & various changes of my residence since that period and to the common causality of time and accident the above mentioned discharge has been lost – also represent to your honour that by reason of my reduced Circumstances in life I have need of Assistance of my Country for Support being far Advanced in life of an infirm Constitution, entirely destitute of Property without any Provision or Pension from the Government, Principally dependent on my friends for support

Coventry May the 28 = A.D. 1818

John Warner



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¹ Providence, 28 guns, 1777-1780. GWA: 701, ND3:90, 902, ND4:1194, ND5:367, 1172, ND6:1399, ND7:1304, ND8:28, ND9:922, ND10:823, Capt Samuel Tomkins, mid 1776. Connor: 167 fn (1878), Buel: 87, Smith:80, 170, 245, 249, ND11:723, DaviesXIII:71, Fowler:107-110, Continental Navy frigate, 28 guns, Capt Abraham Whipple in 1777, operated in English waters in 1778. FW3: 836, Smith: 247, SchV: 54, Blatchford: 101, this frigate was placed at the harbor entrance to protect Charleston in 1780, but was later captured there 12 May 1780. C333-334, it had been the flagship for Capt Abraham Whipple. Manley: 95, it was put in service in the British navy, then sold 14 Mar 1784. Ford 1778: 29, 1779:1342, Ford1780: 584. JA5: 126, 6: 358, 7: 150, 8:28, 9: 224, others. Davies XIII: 71ii. Volo: 90, 91, 132, Silverstone: 3. Paullin: 516, served 1775-1779. Chapelle: 73, 96. Coggins 203 <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20P.html>

United States of America

Rhode-Island District.

Providence, sc District Court, Special Term, June 12th A.D. 1820

On this 12th day of June 1820, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record within and for said District John Warner aged 63 years, residing in the town of Foster in said District & County who being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

That he served on board the Frigate Providence commanded by Commodore Abraham Whipple as Quarter Gunner about 2 years –

that he made a previous declaration on the 28th Day of May 1818, and that he has received a certificate for a pension, being No. 11642 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.

John Warner

A Schedule of Property and Income (necessary clothing and bedding accepted) of John Warner Viz. 2 Scythes, 2 Aokes [?], 2 hoes, 1 Axe, 1 Shout, 5 hens, 2 Tables, 8 Chairs, 2 pots, 1 Bake kettle, dish kettle & Skillet & some knives and forks & spoons, some Cups and Saucers, 1 Looking Glass, Some plates –

And this declarant further saith that he is a day labourer and depends upon his daily labour for support, that he has a wife and 2 Children dependent on him, that he is in debt that he owes as much as twenty dollars, that should his pension be taken away he would be liable to ask assistance of others

John Warner

[in a different handwriting]

= his wife is 62 years and is in a feeble state of health, his Children are a son aged 13 & a daughter aged 18 years –

[Note: his property was valued by the court at \$8.50]

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Rhode Island District Sc.

John Warner of Coventry in the County of Kent in said District maketh oath that according to his best recollection in the year 1777 he entered on board the Frigate *Providence* a Vessel of War in the service of the United States & under the Command of Commodore Abraham Whipple said Frigate was then lying in Providence & was bound to France – Sometime in said year we sailed & fought our way through the British fleet, the British then having possession of Newport, – He entered as Quarter [Gunner] & he further says that he continued on board said Frigate during that & all subsequent Cruises in said capacity, until said Frigate was taken at Charleston, South Carolina, between four & five years afterwards. And said John further says, that soon after the act of March 18, 1818 was passed he applied for & obtained a pension under said Act & Received a Certificate 11642 herewith enclosed. – And said John further says that during the time he was on board said Vessel the wages he received as Quarter Gunner, was ten

dollars per month, According to his best recollection, but he now receives only Eight Dollars upon said Certificate – Wherefore he makes this supplemental declaration in order to obtain an increase in his pension under the Act of June 7th 1832, which provides that he should have the same pay during his life, as he received while in the naval service, and he hereby relinquishes said pension & claims one under the Act last mentioned. He avers that he served over four years on board said Frigate in said Capacity. He has no documentary evidence of his said services Nor is there, now any person living that he knows of, who was with him all the time, – Although there are several who were with him part of the time but he refers to his declaration under the Act of March 18, 1818 for proof of his services and now request and inquiries of pay according [to] the provisions of the Act of June 7th, 1832

John Warner



Rhode Island District in Providence July 7th 1834

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I Nathaniel Proctor of the City of Providence of the age of 73 years on oath do testify & say that I was formally during the Revolutionary war a Marine on board the Frigate *Providence* a Vessel under the Command of Commodore Abraham Whipple, According to my best recollection I was on board from January to September 1779 Eight Months – and I further testify that I will remember a man by the name of John Warner who was a Quarter Gunner. – Said John was on board when I entered & I left him on board but how long he served I do not know, but I have no doubt he served as he states. The frigate lay in Boston when I entered

Nathaniel Proctor, X his mark

Providence SS Providence July 24, 1834

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I Daniel Warner of Gloucester in the County of Providence & State of Rhode Island being now in the 76th year of my age on solemn oath do testify and say that John Warner of Coventry in said State is my brother & that he was Quarter Gunner on board the Frigate *Providence* under the Command of Commodore Abraham Whipple during the Revolutionary war. I remember perfectly well that when said Frigate sailed on a voyage to France we were both on board, this was in 1777 according to my best recollection & said Cruise lasted more than nine months – we arrived in Boston I did not go again but my brother did & he continued to go in said Frigate until she was Captured in South Carolina. I do not remember how many years he was on board of her but it was more than two years. If I remember rightly he first enlisted me when I went on board to go to France. According to my best recollection said frigate was captured at Charleston sometime in 1780; And I have no reason to doubt my brother was on board of her until then

Dan'l Warner



Providence Sc – in Providence this 4th day of September 1834

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John Warner of Coventry in the County of Kant & State of Rhode Island maketh further oath & says that before he entered the naval service of the United States as stated in his former

declaration, to wit on or about the 1st of January A.D. 1776, he enlisted in the land service in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Christopher Lippett [Christopher Lippitt] & in the Company of Captain Blackmore [Nathaniel Blackmar], for one year & as a Sergeant in the same and he declares that he continued to serve in said Capacity until his time expired said Regiment was a Rhode Island State Regiment & marched to the Westward & was in the severe campaign in the winter of 76 & 77 in New Jersey & he the said John was there with it & he was in the battles of Princeton & Trenton & he has the satisfaction to say that his regiment received the personal accommodation of General Washington at that particular time = After the time of his enlistment was out he entered as Quarter Gunner on board the *Providence* as stated in his former declaration & he continued to act in that capacity until the surrender of Charleston South Carolina in 1780, – He was in service during most of the war, & he thinks he is entitled to a larger pension that he now receives – the only reason why he did not state his service in Colonel Lippetts regiment in the last declaration which was transmitted in July last past was that he thought it unnecessary to do it as he had served over two years without it & he thought as a Quarter Gunner he was entitled to ten dollars per month, on account of the same.

Rhode Island District
September 30, 1834

John Warner

[p 18: On July 13, 1844 in Kent County, Rhode Island, William R. Warner, son of the veteran, filed a claim on behalf of himself and the other children (not named) of his father seeking the arrears of pension due his father.

William R Warner]

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At a Court of Probate holden at Coventry on the 13th day of July A.D. 1844.

Be it remembered that satisfactory evidence is produced before this Court, That John Warner, late of Coventry, departed this life on the 3rd day of February 1840. That he was a pensioner at the time of his death under the Act of March 18th 1818. That he left no Widow, but left the following named Children only, to wit. William R Warner, of Warwick, John Warner, of said Coventry, Freelove Andrew, wife of Timothy Andrew, now residing in said Coventry, and Celia Fish, (widow) of West Greenwich, all in the County of Kent, and State of Rhode Island, and that each of said Children are now more than twenty one years of age.

[Certified July 16th 1844 as a true copy of the records in his office by the clerk of said court]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 28, 1818, for service as a Quarter Gunner in the Rhode Island Navy for 15 months.]