

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Amos S41414

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District of North Carolina

On this 8th day of September 1818, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the said district, personally appeared John Amos, aged Seventy Seven years, resident in Wake County in the said district, 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 Amos, being in the militia service in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] during the revolutionary war, & the militia being on that occasion dispersed & scattered abroad in every direction, went home & there remained some days & until we heard that General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] with his forces was at Ramsey's Mill, where the said dispersed militia were collecting – that he then joined the American Army again, and was thereupon returned as a regular Soldier for twelve months, for having gone home; as were all others, as he understood, for the same cause so returned; that he then, in or about the month of April entered the said service, at said Mill, in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Rhodes [Joseph T Rhodes], of the second Regiment, in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps (except for a short space of time when he was detached under a Captain of South Carolina he thinks Captain Goodman, to attack Indian Mount & Thompson's Fort [Thomson's Fort]) until the end of said twelve months; which was a continued Service for that time in the said Army against the common enemy; that he was then, on or about the 12th of April, discharged from service at Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River in South Carolina; that he was in no battles, except in taking the two small forts aforesaid, & a small engagement in marching from the Congaree [River] to Augusta, & in taking two forts in Augusta; but that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he sold his discharge & does not know where it is.

Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

State of North Carolina, Wake County: Superior Court Autumn Term 1820

On the 4th day of October 1820 Personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Record John Amos aged 79 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said John Amos enlisted for the term of twelve months on the 12th day of April in the year 1781 in the County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Joshua Rhodes [sic] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Aham Shepard [Abraham Shepherd] being the 10th Regiment in the line of this State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said corps until the 12th of April following 1782, when he was honorably discharged from the said Service in the State of South Carolina on the

12th day of April 1782 at Baton's [sic, Bacon's] Bridge upon the Ashley River in the State aforesaid.
And pursuant of the act of the 1st May 1820.

I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Service on 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th 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 nor means of support, except what is allowed me as a pension under the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, which I have received from the Bank of the United States at Fayetteville by virtue of my pension Certificate being No. 9062, and that he has received two payments there on the first due on the 4th of September 1819 & the second do on the 4th of March last and what little property he has in the following Schedule (to wit) hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

No land, Nor Negroes

1 Small Sorrel mare worth about	\$30.00
½ dozen chairs	1.50
3 house pigs	1.50
2 Tubs 2 pails 1 pot & 1 oven	<u>2.50</u>
	\$35.50

That he is himself aged 79 years and his wife Elizabeth aged 68 years, that they are all the family – and his employment is keeping a mill in part and being very old & infirm he is unable to pursue it and lives more upon the Charity of his neighbors than by his labor nor has he any person to assist him or contribute to his assistance – Sworn to & Subscribed the day above.

S/ John Amos, X his mark

Superior Court Autumn 1820 Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court Term.

S/ R. Hinton, Clk

10th Regiment Abraham Shepard Colonel

John Amos, pt [private] Rhodes 1781 12 mos. Time out 12th Apl. '82

The above is a true abstract from the muster roll of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary War.

Given under my hand the eighth of September 1818.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

State of North Carolina, Wake County

This day Shadericks [sic, Shadrach?] Medlin personally appeared before me Matthew Strickland, one of the Justices of the Peace for said County and maketh oath that John Amos of said County did Serve a 12 months tour in the Second division in the Southern States in the revolutionary war in the Continental Establishment and further adds that being Personally acquainted with him for many years that owing to old age and reduced Circumstances he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support &c.

S/ Shadrick Medlin,¹ S his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this fifth day of September A.D. 1818

Attest: S/ M. Strickland, JP

Raleigh 5th of March 1833

¹ [Shadrach Medlin S41869](#)

The Secretary of War

Will please enclose to you Certificate if allowed as soon [as] possible to Mr. Richard Smith for me as I am in much need of the pay, being very old & infirm -- & oblige Ser.

S/ John Amos, X his mark

Witness:

S/ John Hosea

S/ Eli Yates

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