

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Combs S41497

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State of North Carolina, Wilkes County: Superior Court of law September Term 1818

On this ___ day of September A.D. 1818 personally appeared before me George Combs aged fifty-seven years a resident in the County of Wilkes and State aforesaid who being 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 United States in the Revolutionary war that the said George Combs enlisted in Captain Brevard's [Alexander Brevard's] company of Regulars in the North Carolina line sometime in the month of May in the year 1780 or 1781 but which this deponent does not recollect, that shortly after enlistment that he was marched from Salisbury in North Carolina to Ninety Six in South Carolina and was engaged in the Siege of that place [may 22-June 19, 1781] under Major General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], that after Ninety Six was relieved by the British force under Lord Rawdon, he was marched to Salisbury where he remained for some time and thence was marched back to South Carolina and actually engaged in the battle fought at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], that he was actually in the service of the United States for the Space of twelve months and was discharged at Salisbury in North Carolina his time of enlistment having expired, this deponent further states that he does not know what became of his discharge and that he is in reduced circumstances and Stands in need of Assistance from his Country for support.

S/ George Combs, X his mark

Sworn to before me this 18th September 1818

S/ Henry Seawell

In addition to the foregoing it appears by the affidavit of Alex^r Richardson¹ (who is likewise an applicant) that the said George Combs did serve as set forth in his declaration – and it further appears that this applicant, is very poor, has a Small family & is ruptured in the belly & able to do but little work, though he has a small tract of poor land -- & Some little stock.

S/ Henry Seawell

In addition to the annexed declaration made on the 18th of September 1818 before the Honorable Henry Seawell one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity for the State of North Carolina, the said applicant George Combs has this day appeared before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions opened and held for the County of Wilkes and first being duly sworn according to Law deposes and saith as follows viz. "That he entered the service of the United States on the 10th day of May 1781 in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Brevard of the 1st Regiment of the North Carolina

1 No one by that name is listed as having filed an application of a pension for services rendered in NC or elsewhere. However, the muster roll of Brevard's company contained in the Brevard family file at the Wilson Library at UNC-CH does list an "Ellis Richardson" as having served in Brevard's company. See Roster [B6](#) in this database.

twelve months in; and that he continued in service till his time expired.”

The said applicant further states that on more mature reflection he was discharged in the following manner viz. “That the time for which he entered the service having expired the Captain was about to march back to Salisbury North Carolina for the purpose of discharging the men under his command; that provisions having become scarce on the way the men were permitted to take their discharges at any time during the march as they thought proper; that while on the road upon the return march as aforesaid he obtained his discharge in regular form; that the discharge has been out of his possession for several years, and he is now unable to procure the same.”

S/ George Combs, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this the fourth day of August 1819.

S/ R. Martin, Clk

State of North Carolina, Wilkes County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August 1 A.D. 1820

On this 1st day of August 1820, Personally appeared in open court for the County of Wilkes aforesaid George Combs aged Sixty years resident in the said County of Wilkes, and the State of North Carolina, who being first duly sworn According to Law, doth on his Oath declares that he served in the revolutionary War as follows, to wit: that he enlisted in Captain Alexander Brevard's company of the North Carolina regular troops in the second Battalion of the ___ Regiment of the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, that he served in this said Regiment twelve months, was at the siege of Ninety Six and at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, both in South Carolina, and that after his Term of service was out, he was discharged in the year Salisbury in the State of North Carolina aforesaid, and that his certificate for pension bears date the 18th day of April 1820 Number 16720 and his Original declaration the ___ day of ___ A.D. 18__.

And I do Solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States of 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 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 or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto Annexed and by me Subscribed, Viz.: -- One Hundred Acres of poor Land on Garrison's Creek in Wilkes County assessed for the direct tax to the United States to One Hundred Dollars-- one Horse beast 15 years old and – two cows and two year old calves – two plows – one ax and one Hoe – five sheep, and some few Poultry, worth in the whole \$150.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court 1st August 1820.

S/ George Combs, X his mark

S/ R. Martin, C. H. C. C.

This deponent further saith that he was raised to the occupation of working on the farm and has no other trade that he is unable to work sufficiently for a Maintenance by reason of a rupture in the lower part of his Belley [sic] for which he has been compelled for four years past to wear an iron truss weighing one pound and six ounces exclusive of the wood and cloth appendages, that he has a wife named Anne aged about fifty-one years & very weak and feeble from almost continual menstrual evacuations, that he has one Child only living with him for two years past, that he is about Eleven years old & small of his age, not capable of rendering any effective Assistance in support of himself, and that he has one Grandchild living with him a Boy aged about six years much injured by having been burned accidentally when three years old, and that he has no other family living with him, that he has two daughters both Married and living with their Husbands, and that he has no Other Children than those before Mentioned; that his Son's name is Basil Combs and his grand Son's Name is Fielding Combs.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court 1st August 1820.

S/ George Combs, X his mark

S/ R. Martin, C. H. C. C.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 18, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina Continental line.]