

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Lynch S41790

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District of North Carolina SS

On this first day of June 1818, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the United States for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Joshua Lynch aged about sixty years -- resident in the County of Wake & City of Raleigh, 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 sometime early in the revolutionary war, he the said Joshua Lynch enlisted as a soldier under Captain William Caswell, of the 5th Regiment of the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, in the war of the revolution, against the common enemy, for the term of twelve months; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, until the end of the said twelve months, when he obtained his discharge from service, at Kinston in North Carolina, which discharge was stolen from his pocket, & to him entirely lost -- that he was in no battle as a regular soldier, but as a militia man, he was in the battles of Moore's Creek, Stono, Gates defeat & Caswell's defeat, and that he is in reduced circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support;

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

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

The aforesaid Joshua Lynch, on oath, further declares, that he enlisted as stated in the above declaration in the spring of 1776, and that he was discharged in the spring of 1777, after a service of 12 months as therein stated -- Sworn to & declared before me, at Raleigh, North Carolina District, the 12th of July 1819.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 17th May 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify, that it is generally reported and believed in this State, that the Soldiers of the Revolutionary war, he entered the service at an early period, and was discharged before they were marched to the Northward, were not placed on any musterroll, the Officers at that time to the South not knowing it to be necessary to keep and returned a Roll of their men -- No doubt but Joshua Lynch was a

Soldier in the early part of the Revolution.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Johnston County: the deposition of Cornelius Lynch, in the case of Joshua Lynch. The said Cornelius Lynch being by me first cautioned & duly sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God Depoeth and saith that he was acquainted with the said Joshua Lynch before and since the revolutionary war, & that to his certain knowledge the said Joshua was a Soldier in the revolution, on the part of the United States & served faithfully in the Continental line, twelve months, in the year of independence 1776, and was discharged in 1777 - - as to the time or place of the said Joshua's discharge the said Cornelius Lynch hath no perfect recollection, and further this deponent saith not --

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 17th day of July A.D. 1819

S/ L. Eldridge, JP

S/ Cornelius Lynch, X his mark

State of North Carolina Johnston County: The Deposition of William Capps¹ in Case of Joshua Lynch, the said William Capps being first duly cautioned & sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, Depoeth and saith that he was acquainted with the said Joshua Lynch before and since the Revolutionary War, as this deponent was also a Soldier under Captain William Caswell and the said Joshua Lynch was under the said William Caswell along with him both in one company Commanded by Captain William Caswell belonging to the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe, in the Continental Establishment in the North Carolina line in the war of the Revolution, and that this Deponent well recollects to have seen the said Joshua Lynch in the service being in the same Company and Regiment with him in the State of North Carolina when and where this Deponent was then a soldier the said Joshua Lynch was with him in the year 1776 at Wilmington that this deponent well recollects the said Joshua Lynch served out the term of his Enlistment as a regular Soldier to the best of his recollection which he believes to be true, as this deponent was at that time living in the same neighborhood and was a near neighbor to the said Joshua Lynch where they all lived near the County line now called Johnston County, and the said Joshua Lynch is the same person that was a Soldier in the State service with this deponent, and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20th day of July 1819

S/ William Capps

S/ Etheldred Holt, JP

State of North Carolina Johnston County: The deposition of Jacob Daughtry in the case of Joshua Lynch, the said Jacob Daughtry, being by me first cautioned & duly sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes & saith he was acquainted with said Joshua Lynch before & since the revolutionary war, and that to his certain knowledge the said Joshua was a soldier in the revolution, on the part of the United States and served nine months, faithfully in the Continental line, as to the time or place of the said Joshua's discharge -- the said Jacob Daughtry hath no perfect recollection and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day May 1819

S/ John Williams, JP

S/ Jacob Daughtry, X his mark

¹ FPA S6772

State of North Carolina Johnston County: The Deposition of John Wise² in the case of Jacob Lynch, the said John Wise being first duly cautioned sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, depose and saith that he was acquainted with the said Joshua Lynch before and since the Revolutionary war, as this deponent was also a Soldier under Captain William Ward, and the said Joshua Lynch was also a soldier under Captain William Caswell both their Companies belonged to the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe in the Continental Establishment in the North Carolina line in the war of the Revolution, and this Deponent well recollects to have often seen the said Joshua in these Service he being in the same Regiment with him in the State of North Carolina when and where this Deponent was then a Soldier the said Joshua Lynch was with him in the year 1776 at Wilmington, that this deponent well recollects the said Joshua Lynch served out the term of his Enlistment as a regular Soldier to the best of his recollection which he believes to be true as this deponent was at that time living in the same neighborhood and was a near neighbor to the said Joshua Lynch, they all lived near the County line now called Johnston County and the said Joshua Lynch is the same person that was a soldier in the State service with this deponent. And further this Deponent saith not,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of July 1819.

S/ Etheldred Holt, JP

S/ John Wise, X his mark

State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of pleas & quarter Sessions August Term 1820

On this 24th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County and State aforesaid Joshua Lynch aged 71 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 March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said Joshua enlisted for the term of one year in the Spring of the year 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain William Caswell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe in the line of the State of North Carolina Infantry on the first Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until the expiration of said 12 months when he was discharged from the service in Kingston Lenoir County State of North Carolina, that he the said Joshua also in the Spring of the year 1778 enlisted for the term of three years in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Abraham Sheppard [Shepherd] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Sheppard [Shepherd] in the line of the State of North Carolina Infantry on the first Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps for about six months when he was discharged from the said service in Kingston as aforesaid; that he was in no battle while in the regular Continental establishment but was in several when in the militia. He has proved the aforesaid services heretofore by Sundry witnesses whereby his name was enlisted on the pension roll & that he has received a pension the number of which pension certificate now in his possession is 14171

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 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,

² [John Wise S36395](#)

And the said Joshua Lynch doth on oath further declare that he used to follow the trade of a Carpenter but by means of his [indecipherable word] want of sight and wounding of the hand is now unable to pursue the same, that his wife Barbary aged about 70 years is now the only member of his family living with him except one little granddaughter who visits them occasionally, that he has no land & is indebted to the charity of Mr. H. Hayward Esquire for a house to live in & that the following is his property. One pot, one skillet, one pine table, one chest, 2 or 3 chairs, one pewter dish & Bason, half dozen do stones, half dozen earthen plates. Sworn to & declared on the 24th day of August A.D. 1820 in Open Court.

State of North Carolina Wake County

S/ Joshua Lynch, X his mark

S/ Benjamin S. King, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June one, 1818 for one year's service in the revolution.]