

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Topp S42044

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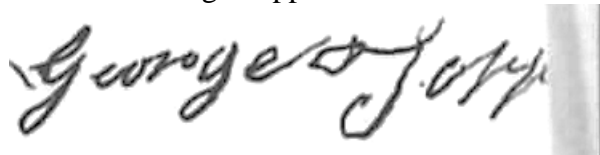
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State of North Carolina June 15th, 1818

On this day before made the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of law & courts of Equity for said State of the year to George Topp aged sixty-five years resident in the County of Warren in the said State, 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 and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war. That he the said George Top [sic] enlisted in the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Granger [Caleb Grainger] belonging to the first Regiment of said State in the regular service of the United States for one year that before the term of his service had expired which was in the year 1777 he having enlisted as aforesaid in the Spring of 1776 he enlisted in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Granger at Wilmington belonging to the Regiment aforesaid in said State in the regular service of the United States during the war – That about the month of November 1778 he was discharged from service on account of disease & infirmity. That under the said enlistments he served as a soldier in the regular service a longer period of time than nine months that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777].

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. That he has no other evidence (except the certificates hereto annexed signed by Robert Mebane, Abisha Thomas &c and Dixon Marshall¹ now in his power of his said services. Sworn to subscribed and declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ George Topp



S/ Jn Hall, JSC&E

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Apl. 16th 1818

I do hereby certify that I knew George Topp to be a Soldier of the Revolutionary war on Continental establishment

S/ Dixon Marshall

1 [Dixon Marshal \(Marshall\) S38921](#)

Sept. 16th 1818. I do hereby certify that I
knew George Topp to be a Soldier
in the Revolutionary war on Continental
Establishment.
Dixon Hard

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May 21st 1779

This is to Certify that George Top a Soldier in the first North Carolina Regiment was Regular discharged but by accident Lost it.

S/ Robt. Mebane, Lt. Col. Cmd. 3rd Regt.

George Topp was discharged in November 1778 being by me struck off the Muster Roll on Account of his infirmity.

S/ Abishai Thomas
at that time D. M. M.

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This Day Came John Riggan Before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that about Twenty two years ago he knew a certain Roger Topp and Nanney Topp who was his Lawful Wife as was frequently Reported in his neighborhood and that he has heard Roger Topp & Nanney Topp Each of them Say that ...marriedmy hand This

S/ James Frindly [?] JP

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State of North Carolina, Warren County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1820

On this 28th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record expressly made so by the laws of the State, George Topp aged about sixty-six years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit, in Captain Granger's [Caleb Grainger's] Company and in Captain Howell Tatum's Company of 1st Regiment of the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Nash [Francis Nash] and afterwards by General Thomas Clark and served more than 12 months – but the his service will more accurately appear from his declaration now on file in the Pension office – the date of which he does not now recollect – That the number of his Pension Certificate is 4121 -- & it's date the 4th November 1818 –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 other wise 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--

That is, two sows and four shoats – 1 old Butter pot – and a small crop now growing, which will not support him & his family more than four months. That his family consists of his wife about 65 years old – who is a cripple and disabled both in an arm and knee– and has not worked for many years of any account – That his health is tolerably good – but is too much oppressed with years to rely upon his labor for support. That his principal means of support are from the charity of three daughters, his only children, all of age, and so poor, that they depend for their support entirely upon their on labor – His neighbors sometimes furnish him with meat & bread. That no debts are due him – but that – he owes more than \$200 upon a judgment & contracts.

S/ George Topp, X his mark

Sworn to & declared in open Court this 28th day of August 1820.

S/ Cas. Drake, CWCC

[the clerk of court valued the property scheduled by the veteran as being worth no more than \$10]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818 for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]