

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sawel S4657

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County

On this ___ day of May 1834 personally appeared John Sawel in Open Court resident of Hawkins County and State of Tennessee a 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 –

I entered the service of the United States in the year 1779 first of February was a private Dragoon voluntarily under the Command of Colonel Chiles [Lt. Col. Thomas Childs] Major James Crompt Captain Joseph Parsons Lieutenant Tomas Cotton [Thomas Cotton] we Rendezvoused at Montgomery Courthouse State of North Carolina we marched on out of Montgomery County into Chatham County in said State of North Carolina onto a Creek called Cain Creek [Cane Creek] where we were attacked by some Tories near Lindley's Mill [September 13, 1781]¹ under the command of And Faning [sic, David Fanning] a Tory Colonel we defeated them with the loss of two men and killed four Tories and wounded their Commander. We marched on from there back to Montgomery County and lay Stationed a while at one Edmon Nicholes [Edmund or Edmond Nichols?] from there we marched into Moore County in said State of North Carolina where some mischief was done by a Colonel Elrod [John Elrod] and his parties of Tories there we done nothing as they made their escape before we arrived. From there we marched into Randolph County State of North Carolina where some Tories were embodied we attacked them as they lay encamped in the night we fired on them but done no execution they fled and left two horses and two guns – From there we marched to Anson County in said State where we understood some Tories were embodied under Colonel Elrod on Big Pee Dee River and attacked the Tories at Masses Ferry where we defeated them killing some of them and some was drowned in crossing the river my Colonel Chiles was wounded having his arm broke in this action. From there we marched back into Montgomery County and was stationed again a while at our Old place Edmon Nichols. From there we marched to the edge of Moore County North Carolina where we had another skirmish with the Tories in Williams land we killed one and the rest made their escape – From there we marched back to our station and lay some time. We received news of Colonel Fanning and some Tories being embodied on Little River in Randolph County we marched there but could not find them. From there we marched again back into Montgomery County where we had another skirmish with the Tories, we broke

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html

any arm [?]² in the action took four of the prisoners and hung three of them. From there we marched back to our station [at] Nichols & lay a while and some Tories came into Montgomery County North Carolina done some mischief we followed them in to the edge of Moore County where we overtook them and killed five. We then marched in Chatham County and caught a Tory captain named Walker from there went back to Montgomery Courthouse where we were discharged by Colonel Chiles, we volunteered ourselves for six months but were gone six months and twenty-one days, we returned home in August 1779 and I was not out anymore – my discharge was given me by Colonel Chiles but I have lost it by it getting wet. I was born in the State of Virginia in the year 1755 but have no record of my age from Virginia I moved into Montgomery County North Carolina where I entered the service of the United States from there I moved to Lee County Virginia from there I moved into Hawkins County Tennessee where I now live. I was acquainted with Colonel Chiles, Major Crompt, Captain Parsons, Colonel Harris, Captain Arthur Hariz [sic] – This declarant made some inquiry about a pension and was told he could not succeed as he had not served long enough in the service is the Cause of his not applying sooner. This declarant says he is known in Hawkins County by Colonel James Willis, Colonel David Rogers, Thomas Sullivan Esquire, Ezekiel Sullivan Esquire and many others. This declarant is not acquainted with any clergyman who can certify for him. This declarant further states he has no documentary evidence of his service and he knows of no one who he can prove it by he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state sworn to and subscribed the day and year before mentioned.

Sworn to in open court 27 May 1834

S/ W. B. Mitchell, Clk

S/ John Sawel, X his mark

[Lewis Mitchell, Richard Ford and William Gideon [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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