

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaiah Austin S5259

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State of Virginia, Grayson County

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Grayson now sitting Isaiah Austin a resident of Grayson County in the State of Virginia aged 73 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States on the 5th of June 1766 [sic] and served a tour of three months under the command of Capt James Shepherd, Lieutenant Edmund Kirby and Ensign James Williams as an Indian Spy. On the first of June following he was again called on and served another tour of three months against the Indians under the command of Capt William Hardin & the aforesaid Lieutenant & Ensign. In the summer of 1778 he again entered the service against the Indians and served a tour of three months under Capt John Cox, Lieutenant William Craig who was afterwards killed & Ensign Alexander Henderson. In this company he marched to the Long Island of Holston River, and then as far as the Cumberland Mountains in pursuit of the Indians. In this expedition Col Shelby [Isaac Shelby] was the commander and on our march Col Shelby divided his men into two companies or divisions for the purpose of hunting and overtaking the celebrated Indian Chief called Dragon Canoe [sic, Dragging Canoe?] who with a party refused to come in and deal with the whites. The division in which the declarant was did not come up with the Indians, the other division however did overtake them and in a skirmish killed two. One of the whites was wounded but none killed. He then returned to the Long Island of Holston and remained there until his term of service expired. He was engaged in the service altogether 9 months. He has no discharge or other documentary evidence of his service. He was born on the 18th Feby 1759. He has now no record of his age, it was burned in his father's house together with everything else in it. He lived in Surry County North Carolina when he entered the service and since the revolution he has lived where he now does in the County of Grayson, formerly Montgomery County Virginia. He was a volunteer during the whole time of his service. He is known to James Cox and Benjamin Phipps contemporary survivors who can testify to his character for veracity and their knowledge of his service in the Indian War.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Isaiah Austin, X his mark

[James Cox and Benjamin Phipps gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Grayson County now sitting, Isaiah Austin an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, and, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following

Amendment to his declaration, made in this Court on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the said act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, as an Indian Spy under the command of Captain James Shepherd and Lieutenant Kirby & Ensign Williams who were ordered into service by Colonel Martin Armstrong of Surry County, North Carolina, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1776 & not in the year 1766 as is stated in his original declaration which was an error in putting down the year, and then this declarant served as stated & set forth in his original declaration. Captain William Hardin, with his men, was ordered into service by the aforesaid Colonel Armstrong & Captain John Cox with his men were ordered into service by Colonel Walter Crockett of Montgomery County Virginia now Wythe County, & this Applicant served under the aforesaid Captains for the periods mentioned in his original declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Isaiah Austin, X his mark

[Isaac Garrison, a clergyman, and James Cox gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]