

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Apple S6520

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North Carolina Guilford County

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Guilford County now sitting, Daniel Apple a resident of said County of Guilford aged Seventy-two 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That in August 1780 in the County of Guilford North Carolina he volunteered as a private militia man under Captain Jacob Clapp of the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Paisley; that immediately thereafter he was marched under his said Captain to the South passing through Salisbury to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County: a few miles beyond which there troops were met by the British under Cornwallis when we retreated rate passing Salisbury & the Yadkin River being pursued by the enemy, when our troops were encamped for something like a week, when upon the British retiring South our forces were again marched after them and the main Army met as far as what was called the six Miles Creek where it encamped & this applicant was detached as one of a scout or reconnoitering party that they pursued the enemy as far as the Catawba River upon the border of South Carolina: upon re-joining the main Army he remained there encamped until he was discharged by direction of his Colonel the said John Paisley his discharge was given him in writing, but it has long since been lost – That during the expedition he was in actual service at least four months. – That this expedition was conducted and commanded by the said Colonel John Paisley who marched into the service five captains' Companies from said County of Guilford commanded by the said Captain Clapp, Captain Wilson [probably James Wilson of Caswell County], Captain Pearce [George Pearce] & Captain Ray – who was of Rockingham County & perhaps some other whose name this applicant cannot recollect. The name of the Major he cannot recollect – the name of his Lieutenant he cannot now remember – That upon marching as herein before stated a few miles South of Charlotte their Regiment joined the Army under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] of the Infantry & Colonel Davy [William Richardson Davie] of the light-horse under whose command they continued to the conclusion of the expedition as before stated, that during this service a portion of their troop was engaged with the Tories at the Shallow Ford [October 14, 1780] on the Yadkin in Surry County on which occasion some ten or twelve persons were killed upon both sides – that before the above mentioned tour & during the same year he was called in actual service and volunteered under Captains Whitesell [Henry Whitesell] & Captain Forbis [Arthur Forbis] in order to suppress the

depredations of the Tories in the said County of Guilford: on this service he was from time to time engaged during the said year of 1780 for at least two months: in addition there too he was employed in guarding different parties of Tories taken prisoner in said Counties [of] Guilford & Orange in the service at least eight days – In these occasional tours of military duty he was not called out for any particular length of time & when the occasion had ceased which gave rise to them he was discharged by mere verbal direction of his officers. He states he was born in the State of Pennsylvania about fifty miles North of Philadelphia, the County he cannot recollect – that he has no record of his birth and is unable to state precisely his age but from the tradition & understanding of his family he thinks he was born in the year 1761. That he lived in the County of Guilford North Carolina when he was called into service where he has ever since & where he still continues to live. He states that he has no documentary or written evidence of his services nor does he know of any witnesses by whom he could prove the same or any part thereof except Thomas Greer [Thomas Gear], James Findley,<sup>1</sup> William Albright<sup>2</sup> & William Maxwell<sup>3</sup> all of whom could testify as to his first mentioned tour of duty & to prove the same he offers the affidavit of the said Thomas Greer it not being convenient to procure the attendance and prove of either of the others he states that he is well known to David Thomas & [indecipherable name or initials] Summers his neighbors who will testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his being a soldier in the revolution that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood he is therefore unable to procure the certificate of one.

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 whatever  
Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year above written

S/ Daniel Apple



Thomas Greer maketh oath that he was engaged in the expedition mentioned by the applicant under Colonel John Paisley to the South in the latter part of the summer of 1780 that he well knows that the applicant was a soldier in said service under Colonel Clapp and although he deponent was not attached to that particular Command he is entirely confident – & states that – the applicant – the said Daniel Apple remained in said service to the close of the expedition which he believes was four months at least.

S/ Thos. Gear<sup>4</sup>



[Ludwick Summers [L. W. Summers or Somers] and David Thomas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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

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<sup>1</sup> [James Finley S6838](#)

<sup>2</sup> [William Albright S6492](#)

<sup>3</sup> [William Maxwell W5329](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Thomas Gear S8553](#)