

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Babb S6685

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State of North Carolina County of Wake } Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of
Congress passed June the 21st day 1832

On the 21 day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand ought hundred and thirty two personally appears before me John A. Mason Esq now an acting Justice of the Peace duly constituted and appointed in and for the County of Wake and State of North Carolina Christopher Babb resident in and for the County of Wake and State aforesaid aged ninety five 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 the 7th day 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit). He was born in Virginia Nansemond County as this seventh day of October A.D. 1736. That he served in revolution war a common soldier the first tour he served as volunteer under Captain Denton [probably James Denton] of Franklin County, N. Carolina for the term of three months which he completed and served out and was under the command of Colonel Long [probably Nicholas Long] of Halifax County N.C. The second term or tour he was drafted in Wake County N.C. for three months and was commanded by Captain Martin Lane of said County and served for the period of three months and was under the command of Colonel Britton of Wake County for a short time and then under Col Farmer [Thomas Farmer] of Orange County N.C. in the trip or tour he marched from Wake County Court house to Hillsborough thence to Salisbury in N.C. then to Camden South Carolina then to the high hills of Santee and was put under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] from there he marched to the Eutaw Springs and was in that battle [September 8, 1781] which took place to the best of his recollection early in September 1781. The third tour he furnished a substitute for three months named James Frowell which tour was performed by said Frowell this substitute was delivered to and received by Colonel Outon [?] of Wake County N.C. He was again drafted and furnished a substitute named Zachariah Lawrence for the term of three months the names of the officers to whom said Lawrence was delivered he does not now recollect. He was drafted and furnished for three months which makes his fifth tour and furnished a substitute but does not recollect the names of which substitute was delivered to and received by Colonel Outon of Wake County N.C. and was to serve for the time of his draft which was for three months your declarant is far advanced in life his memory impaired by age and he is unable to give at this distance of time a more perfect sketch of his service. He had a discharge from the army but the same has been lost or mislaid so that he cannot produce it and he cannot procure no person who can testify as to his service. The said Christopher Babb further declares that he has lived in Wake County ever since the revolutionary war and that he does not now or ever did claim any pension from this or any other

state or the General government of the United States and the foresaid Christopher Babb hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year above mentioned.

S/ Christopher Babb, X his mark

Test S/ John A. Mason JP 21st August 1832

We Thomas Hudson Zacheriah Wimberly and John Vaughn residing in the county of Wake and state aforesaid hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Christopher Babb who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be ninety five years of age that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Hudson

S/ Zacheriah Wimberly

S/ John Vaughn, X his mark

S/ John A. Mason JP 21 of August 1832

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State of North Carolina Wake County

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 21st [sic, 7th] day of 1832

On the 21st day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Isaac Hudson Esq now an acting Justice of the Peace duly constituted and appointed in and for the County of Wake and State of North Carolina Christopher Babb resident in and of the county of Wake and state aforesaid aged ninety six 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 the 7th day 1832 That he entered the service of the United States on the 15th of November 1779 and served a three month tower [sic, tour] or until the fifteenth day of February A.D. 1781 and serviced under the officers as mention in the first part of my declaration. Secondly, I entered the service of the United States in the tenth day of July A.D. 1781 and remained in service for three months and served until the Twentieth day of October A.D. 1781

Ques: Do you know of any Clergymen acquainted with your age and Revolutionary service or any other persons in the neighborhood in the state who is acquainted with you and your revolutionary [service][?]

Answer: I know of no Clergyman in my neighborhood or in the State who is acquainted with my revolutionary service or any other person now living that served with me -- but Nathan Upchurch¹ Seth Jinks and Elega Wilson many of my neighbors now have heard of my revolutionary service and age.

I cannot produce a Clergyman affidavit because there is none in the neighborhood and none that I know of in the state acquainted with me and my revolutionary services.

S/ Christopher Babb, X his mark

[Nathan Upchurch, Seth Jinks and Elijah Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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

1 [Nathan Upchurch S777](#)