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Pension Application of John Downtin S6801

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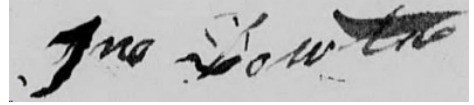
State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions  
Warren County } August Term 1832.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of said Court now sitting, it being a Court of record John Downtin aged seventy two years, of the County aforesaid who having been 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 7th of June 1832. to wit

That he was a Volunteer in the County of Warren where he now resides, in the company of Capt John White, that he entered the service in said Company on the fourth of June in the year of Gates's defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and that he volunteered for three months service out of the State, that after entering the service he marched to Halifax Town in No. Carolina where he joined the Halifax Troops, from whence he marched to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) & from thence up the river to the high rock ford as he believes, & from thence after marching in various counties & directions we at length arrived at a place as he believes in the State of South Carolina called Gunnous Branches at which place we were inspected & reviewed by an officer said to be Gen'l. Gates. from thence we march'd to Lynches creek [probably Little Lynches River in Kershaw County] & thence to Rugeleys Mill, & from thence to Camden or near a place of that name where we had an engagement as was said with Corn Wallis's [sic: Cornwallis] army, in which engagement he was under the command as he understood and believes of Col. [Charles] Porterfield who was said to have been wounded. this Battle is the one called and known as Gates's defeat and was fought in the month of August but as to the year he does not know, and as he believes on the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. from this battle he with others started home which place he reached about the middle of September being unable to travel on acct. of some bodily infirmities. after arriving at home and being unable to perform duty immediately I was discharged on furlow granted me by Major Agrippa Nicholson [sic: Agrippa Nichols] making five months service from the time of entering the service Viz two months or thereabout in the State and three months afterwards including the time he was on furlow. which furlow has been lost & cannot now be found, and that he believes he can prove by Capt. John L. Ward [pension application S7804] who was a soldier in another regiment. that he did perform the services as herein stated and the said John Downtin further maketh oath and declares that in the next year and as he believes in February about the first of the month at Warrenton in the state aforesaid and County of Warren he again entered the service as a Volunteer for three months under the command of Capt William Christmas, and marched under his command to Harrisburg & from thence to Hillsborough & Alamance during this time I was again under command of Capt John White, and was in the Battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] under the command of Col. Pink Eaton [Pinketham Eaton] having rec'd in said Battle at Guilford a wound in the left thigh, and was removed to the hospital at the old Saura Town on Dan river call'd Perkins's [now Berry Hill in Pittsylvania County VA]. one Philips he thinks was the officer at the Hospital and Doctor Brown was call'd the head Surgeon of the Hospital as he verily thinks & believes. he was confin'd three weeks to the hospital, after which he join'd head quarters at Ramseys Mill [on Deep River in Chatham County] and was under command of Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] until he march'd to the South [6 Apr 1781] after which he was under command of Gen'l [John] Butler until discharg'd which was in May, which discharge was signed by an officer the name of which he does not recollect but knows it was at a place call'd Abernathy [near Raleigh] in Wake County having completed his term of service

he resided during the war part in Virginia and removed to No. Carolina after the breaking out of the War and has lived in Warren County where he now lives ever since except about two years which he lived in the adjoining County of Franklin. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension

except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state except as is above set forth

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light background. The signature appears to read "Jno. J. White" in a cursive script. The first name "Jno." is written in a large, bold, cursive font, followed by a period. The second name "J." is smaller and also in cursive, followed by the surname "White" in a similar cursive style.