

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Finley S6845

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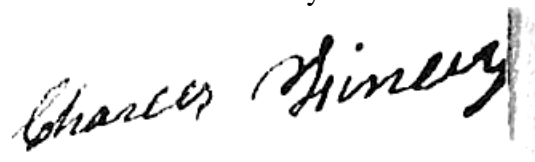
State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 31st day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Mecklenburg County and State aforesaid opened and held for said County on the fourth Monday of August 1832 which Court is now in session Charles Finley a resident of said County and State aged about seventy-four years 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 7th June 1832 that he was born in the year 1758 in the State of Maryland Frederick County the record of his age being lost, has no other evidence except his memory, removed from Maryland in the year 1763 into this County where he has lived ever since The first of his entering into the Army was under Major William R. Davie [William Richardson Davie], I joined him a volunteer at Crawford's on the Waxhaw Creek scouted about the country for two weeks & then returned home soon after that, joined General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] near Land's Ford on the Catawba River, from thence to the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] where we fought the British & Tories I think this was in the year 1780 in this tour I was two weeks out soon after this I was taken prisoner by the Tories and taken to Charlotte where the British Army lay commanded by Cornwallis, I was released in a few days and returned home. The next service I joined Captain Foster [John Foster] as a volunteer for a three months tour in 1780 or what amounted to a three months tour and Scouted about the Country between Camden & Lynches Creek and the lower end of this County the next service I was drafted for a three months tour to go to Wilmington this was in the year 1781, in all I have served seven months in the armies of the revolution was regularly discharged but have no documentary evidence of it

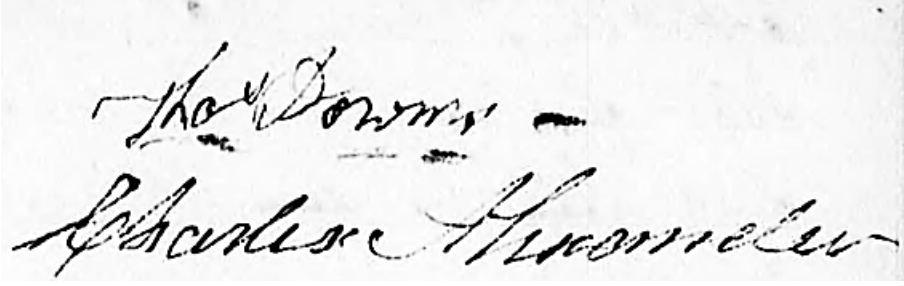
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the State

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Charles Finley



[Thomas Downs¹ & Charles Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit and “Thomas Downs further certifies he knows the fact that he was in the Battle of the Hanging Rock -- and that he was in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war --”

A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is "Thomas Downs" and the second is "Charles Alexander". The signatures are written in dark ink on a light-colored paper.

[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.]

¹ [Thomas Downs S8337](#)