

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Koonts S7118

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State of North Carolina Davidson County

On this 14th day of November A.D. 1832 personal[ly] appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter sessions, now sitting John Koonts a resident of Davidson County State of North Carolina, aged seventy-seven 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 1832 --

That he entered the services of the United States in Rowan County (now Davidson County) of which he was then a Citizen State aforesaid, The year not now recollected, was drafted and served under Captain Lyons [Elijah Lyons], Colonel Lock [Francis Locke] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] marched to the South served three months and was discharged.

Soon after his return home was drafted again served under Captain Lopp [John Lopp] marched to the East in pursuit of the Tories through Randolph and Moore Counties, served three months and was discharged. The other officers now remembered William Standard Lieutenant and Colonel Locke.

Some time after his return home was drafted a third time, served under Captain Lopp three months and was discharged, most of his time in the last three months against the Tories in Rowan and Randolph Counties officers Lieutenant Standard & Colonel Locke was in no regular engagement -- and has no documentary evidence of his service has lost or destroyed the certificates of his service and discharged. 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/ John Koonts, H his mark

[George Fritts of Davidson County & George Clodfelter of Rowan County gave the standard supporting affidavit. "George Fritts¹ further certifies that he served as a soldier in the revolutionary war with said John Koonts, & knows of his own knowledge that said Koonts was a soldier of the revolution." Both affiants signed the affidavit with their respective marks.]

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The accompanying Declaration of John Koonts with certificate being returned from the War

¹ [George Fritts S6864](#)

Department with objections; the Declarant appeared before Andrew Swicegood, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for Davidson County and offered the following Amendment and Explanation on oath of his declaration. That he has no documentary evidence of his service. That as he is informed and believes his first service was in the summer of the year 1776 in what was called the Cherokee expedition; and that he served in yet three months under General Rutherford in the company of Captain Lyons. That his second Term of service for three months in Captain Lopp's company of militia was as he thinks in the year 1779. That he [several words obliterated by a tear in the document] service in Captain Lopp's company was for three months was early in the spring of the year 1781.

That he was born in York County Pennsylvania in the year 1754 [last digit very uncertain] that at the age of 20 or 21 years he removed to Rowan County North Carolina and now resides in that part now called Davidson; that he has no record of his age. That he was residing in Rowan County when first called into the service of the United States. Was drafted as a private soldier. That he is unable to recollect anything further of and concerning his service than is herein before stated.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 14th day of May 1833

S/ Andrew Swicegood, JP

S/ John Koonts, H his mark

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