

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Laquir S7130

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County} On this 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court now sitting John Laquir¹ a Resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He sayeth to the best of his recollection about the year 1775 he was living in Tryon County North Carolina at times became very boisterous and all the men capable of bearing firearms had to take sides I then became a volunteer under Col. Hamright [Frederick Hambright] for the purpose of keeping those that was against the Independence of the Country from embodying themselves and having a stronghold on us by calling the Indians to their assistance in keeping them scattered we were frequently called on and sent to disperse them I am not able to say how much time was spent in this service but would suppose that I was the first half of my time in actual service for more than Twelve months I was I think in the year 1776 drafted for five months under Capt. Robert Alexander we marched on a southern Tower [tour] under Col. Lock [sic, Francis Locke] to the 10 mile House on the Charleston road where we joined the Army under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] we was stationed at that place for some time from that place we was ordered on to Savannah we was halted at a place called Purrysburg just below the Two Sisters Ferry we was sent up the River opposite Briar Creek where we remained but a short time before the Battle was fought where General Ashe [John Nash] was defeated.² I was not in the battle on this the opposite side of the River as one of the Guard over the wagons we was shortly discharged our term of service expired and I returned home my next service was a substitute for three months for a man by the name of Murphey under Capt. Loftin [Thomas Lofton] and under the command of Col. Caruth [Carruth] or Col. William Graham I do not recollect which we went on to head the British Army and was placed at the Tuckasegee Ford to prevent them from crossing at that place they crossed the River³ above us from that place we was driven on to Guilford from that place my Term of service

¹ This MAY be the same man as [John Lequeir SC4865](#)

² This battle occurred on March 3, 1779, not in 1776 as stated by the veteran. Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

³ Veteran appears to be referring to Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781.

expired and I returned home in the next service I enlisted for Ten Months in the State Troops under Capt. William Twitty I was Immediately placed under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter]. Col. Middleton and Capt. Waters had the command of this Tower I belonged to the Horse Service Orangeburg was our head quarters we scoured all through that section of country we was stationed some time at a place called the 4 holes [Four Holes] we passed frequently from Edisto on to the Cyprus my term expired about Orangeburg I was Discharge and returned home to Rutherford County North Carolina I am illiterate it is impossible for me to give dates I received discharges at the different places where I left the Army but did not take care of them they were entirely lost to me I am old and have a Very Helpless Family to support and no way to support them only by my daily labor I spent the prime of my life in the defense of our liberty I am a Frenchman by birth my father came to the colonies when I was about Eight years of age and his lessons to me when a Child and after the Troublesome times and I have grown to manhood is impressed on my mind and will be so long as I live the expression was something like this John I left France in search of Liberty now the call is Liberty or Death he gave the Charge and I Obeyed it I am now poor Indeed and Call on a Generous public to give me something to soothe my Frooping Spirits, that when time is no more it may be said that John Laquir has done his duty he hereby are Relinquishes every Claim to a pension except the present and saith that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatever.

Question 1st by the Court Where and in what year were you born

Answer -- all the information I have on that subject is this I recollect that I have heard my father say I was born in France in the year 1755

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age if so where is it

Answer I have no perfect Record of my age only what I have been told by my parents and that from the time they came to this Country

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer I was living when called into service and Tryon County now Rutherford County North Carolina in the neighborhood of where I now reside and have resided in the same place ever since

Question 4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer I was first a volunteer I think in the year 1775 from some circumstances I was continued in that situation for something like 18 months During that time I performed Considerable Duty in Scouting parties after the Indians and keeping the Tories from embodying the time I was out on duty I cannot say only that I done nothing else until drafted -- say that is

I was drafted for 6 months

I was then a substitute for a man by the name of Murphey 5 months

I then enlisted in the State Troops for 3 months

10 months

24 months

I think I served more than 30 Months but am not able to give a more detailed account of my service at this time

State the names of some of the Regular Officers where you served such Continental and militia officers as you recollect

I recollect General Rutherford & General Sumter & that I served under also Col. Middleton and Col. William Graham and Col. Carruth

State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood who can testify as to your character for Veracity and good behavior your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court
Witness S/ Thomas F. Birchett, Clk

S/ John Laquir {Seal}



[John Roberts & George Cabariss [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: July the 24th A.D. 1833

On this 24th day of July 1833 personally appeared before me George Hoke an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina Joshua Roberts⁴ of said County who being first duly sworn according to law -- saith that he was acquainted with John Lequire [sic] of Rutherford County in the War of the revolution and knows that he served as he states for five months in the Army of General Rutherford for he was present with him for that length of time.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ G. Hoke, JP

S/ Joshua Roberts, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County June the 4th A.D. 1833

On this 4th day of June 1833 personally appeared before me John Tucker an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Lincoln aforesaid Charles Thompson⁵ a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, makes the following statement relative to the service of John Lequire of Rutherford County & State aforesaid in the War of the revolution. He says that he saw said John Lequire at different times in the Army of General Sumter during the ten months service at which time he (Thompson) was a soldier in Sumter's Army, that he did not belong to the same company with Lequire, neither did he know positively at that time that Lequire was a soldier but supposed that he was, that he has been acquainted with said Lequire ever since & from conversations that he has had with him at different times since the revolution & from descriptions of the places through which they marched & from the description of various incidents that occurred in the Army during that time, which have been related to him by said Lequire he has reason to believe he served as he states he also believe said Lequire to be a man of truth and that he has always been so considered in the vicinity in which he resides.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Charles Thompson, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: June the 2nd day A.D. 1833

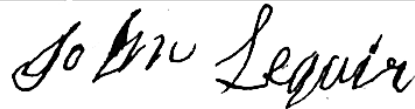
⁴ [Joshua Roberts S7389](#)

⁵ [Charles Thompson W11624](#)

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County of Rutherford John Laquire, who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following statement on oath amendatory to his former declaration for a pension dated the 23rd day of October 1833. That he cannot state with absolute certainty the precise period of his service under Col. Hambright mentioned in his former declaration but knows that he did not serve less than five months, that he served five months in the service in which Robert Alexander was his Capt., that he served three months as a substitute for a man the name of Murphy under Capt. Loftin before mentioned, & that he served ten months as an enlisted soldier in the Army of Genl. Sumter under Capt. Waters as before stated, making in the whole not less than twenty three months that he was in actual service, during which time he was not employed in any civil occupation, but was either in the camp or in the field -- in defense of his country -- that since the time of his making his declaration before mentioned he has been able to procure the testimony of Charles Thompson and Joshua Roberts who proved some part of his services -- that he is well acquainted with Joshua Roberts & George Cabaness -- who live in his present neighborhood and who have testified as to his character for veracity and given their opinion as to his services in the revolution, and that he has been acquainted with them for a large number of Years -- there is no Clergyman living in his neighborhood, and that from the situation of his family he has been confined at home very closely and therefore unable to procure the certificate of a Clergyman. That from the infirmity of old age he is unable to go to the Court house without subjecting himself to very great hazard and inconvenience.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ John Lequir

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lequir". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below a horizontal line that serves as a separator from the typed name above it.

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum for 18 months service in the revolution.]