

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Ledford S7146

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State of North Carolina, Macon County: SS: County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions June Session 1833

On this 19th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the County Court of pleas and quarter sessions of Macon County, now in session, Peter Ledford, Senior, resident in the said County of Macon and State aforesaid about seventy-four 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He first entered the service as a trooper in the Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain John Knight, Lieutenant Elijah Williams and Colonel Thomas Dugan, in the County of Randolph in this State on or about the first day of March 1781 or about 15 days before the battle of Guilford, at which time he had marched with Col. Dugan & Captain Knight in pursuit of Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] a Tory who commanded a number of Tories in the middle and lower parts of this State. This time he this declarant served as a private trooper under the same officers five weeks, during which time he with the other troops under command of the same officers was marched through the County of Randolph and other places on the border of South Carolina and along the river Pedee, thence returning to Randolph Court house the troops were dismissed subject to the call of their officers at any time when called upon. Remaining at home about three days he was again summoned into service and again joined the troops at Randolph Court house under command of the same officers and served two weeks during which time they were engaged in pursuit of Colonel Fanning the Tory Colonel who with his troops had been committing depredations in the County of Randolph, and whom they pursued to the narrows of the Yadkin River. Returning home they were again dismissed subject to a momentary call: remaining at home three days they were again called out in pursuit of the Tories & again returning to Randolph Court house he was dismissed as before subject to any momentary call of his officers having served three weeks this time.

Remaining at home three or four days he was again called into service and joining the troops at Randolph Court house he remained in service six weeks during which time he and the troops to which he was attached were kept in the County of Randolph and the adjoining Counties returning to Randolph Courthouse the troops were permitted to go home remaining at home one or two days, the troops were again embodied at Randolph Court house.

Remaining [in] the service at this time Eleven weeks the troops returned to Randolph Court house and was finally discharged having served at this time under the same officers – having served his tour of six months being the time for which he originally volunteered in the

North Carolina State troops.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Where were you born?

I was born in Randolph County North Carolina, sometime in the year 1758.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have none nor never had.

Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

When called into service I lived in the County of Randolph; since the revolutionary war I have lived in the Counties of Burke and Macon, North Carolina in the latter of which counties I now live.

How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

I was a volunteer and served six months as a private in the Company of Cavalry under Command of Captain John Knight, Lieutenant Elijah Williams & Col. Thomas Dugan. State the names of the names [sic] of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I am not aware of their having been any regular troops or officers with the troops where I served nor of any Continental or militia regiments, and as for the general circumstances of my services I have already stated those with as much precision as my memory enables me to do with this exception, that while in service we were drawn up in battle array against Col. Fanning, who [was] infamous in the annals of Toryism and who each time refused to give battle.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I did receive a discharge from the service by Col. Thomas Dugan, which is now lost or mislaid.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 19th day of June 1833.

S/ John Hall, Clk

S/ Peter Ledford, X his mark

[Amos Curtis, a clergyman, and John Howard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.52 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 9 days in the North Carolina militia in the cavalry service.]