

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Manuel S7182

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State of North Carolina County of Sampson: SS

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us David Dawson, Henry Godwin & William McKay, Justices of the Court of Sampson now sitting Christopher Manuel a resident of Sampson County and State of North Carolina aged about Eighty 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. The first service under Capt. Taylor [Johnathan Taylor] (he cannot recollect the [indecipherable word] month and year he entered the Service) his Lieut. was Silas Myhand and he states that his Col. was James Kenan & James Moore was Major. He lived in Duplin County at the time he entered the service (that part of Duplin now being Sampson) he volunteered when he entered the service. He states he was at the Battle at Rockfish,<sup>1</sup> about the line between Duplin & New Hanover Counties. And the officers named commanded at said Battle at said Rockfish. After we were dispersed at the battle of Rockfish we again embodied at John Thompson's, Deceased, place (then Duplin now Sampson) he says that the name of one of the regular officers was Thomas Coleman a Capt. with whom he served in Duplin County. He states that he served three months under the already named Officers -- principally in Duplin (part of which is now Sampson). He next volunteered as a private in a Company of horse commanded by Capt. David Dodd. He states that he does not recollect the names of the under officers. He states that he marched to Columbus County and joined General Butler [John Butler]. He states that they had an engagement with the British & Tories at Baldwin's in Bladen County [Brown Marsh, September 1781].<sup>2</sup> From there we retreated to Duplin (now Sampson). He states that they had a small engagement with the Tories in Duplin (now Sampson) on Little Coharie [River] where they dispersed the Tories and took some of them prisoners. The balance of the time they were marching through Duplin and suppressing the Tories in different parts of the County. He states that he served under Capt. David Dodd three months, and at the expiration of the three months, he states that he again volunteered under the same Capt. Dodd and acted with him as a drover to furnish provisions for the Army for two months. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he does not remember of ever having got a written discharge. He states that Silas

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<sup>1</sup> Two engagements occurred on Rockfish, one about May 13, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rockfish.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_legats\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_legats_bridge.html) and the other August 2, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rockfish2.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_rockfish\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_rockfish_creek.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_brown\\_marsh.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brown_marsh.html)

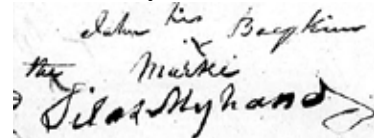
Myhand and John Boykin<sup>3</sup> is well acquainted with him and lives in his present neighborhood and that they can testify to his character for veracity, and their knowledge of part of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution. He states that he does not know what year he was born in. And that he knows of no record of his age. He states he was born in Halifax County North Carolina he removed to Duplin (now Sampson) before the commencement of the -- he was living in Duplin (now Sampson) he states when called into service and resides in the same neighborhood in Sampson at this time. He states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood. 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/ Christopher Manual, X his mark

We Silas Myhand and John Boykin residing in the County of Sampson and State of North Carolina hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Christopher Manual who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 80 years of age: that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

S/ John Boykin, X his mark

S/ Silas Myhand

Handwritten signatures of John Boykin and Silas Myhand. The signature of John Boykin is written above the signature of Silas Myhand. Both signatures are in cursive and include an 'X' mark.

State of North Carolina County of Sampson

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us David Dawson, Henry Godwin & William McKay the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Sampson now sitting, Silas Myhand a resident of Sampson County in State of North Carolina aged 87 years who being first duly sworn according to law Deposeth and saith as follows. He states that he is well acquainted with Christopher Manual the Present Applicant, believes him to be 80 years of age, that said Manual served with him in the Revolutionary war three months under Capt. Jonathan Tayloe [Johnathan Taylor], he states that said Christopher Manual was with him at the Battle of Rockfish near the Duplin line, and likewise at the engagement with the Tories in Duplin (now Sampson) on Little Coharie.

S/ Silas Myhand

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas J. Faison, Clerk

State of North Carolina County of Sampson

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us David Dawson, Henry Godwin & William McKay the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Sampson now sitting, John Boykin a resident of Sampson County in State of North Carolina aged 68 years who being first duly sworn according to law Deposeth and Saith as follows -- He states that he is well acquainted with Christopher Manual the present Applicant, he believes him to be 80 years of age. He states that said Christopher Manual served with him in the Revolutionary War and that said Manual was at an engagement in Bladen County North Carolina with him, where they

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<sup>3</sup> [John Boykin S6551](#)

fought the British and Tories at Baldwin's, and he likewise States that Christopher Manual was with him at the Battle at Rockfish, near the Duplin line -- where they were defeated by the British.

S/ John Boykin, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas J. Faison, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]