

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Purnell Marshall (Marshall) S7191

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State of North Carolina Onslow County

On the 7th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Onslow now sitting Purnell Marshall a resident of Onslow County North Carolina aged Seventy-one 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 in the Revolutionary war he volunteered under Col. Reuben Grant and was put under the command of Capt. John Cooper that under his command he marched from Onslow until they crossed New River some distance when they joined the company under Capt. Spicer from whence they marched to Caswell's Camp below Wilmington at which place he was stationed for the residue of the term or time to wit three months, that after serving three months on this Tour he was discharged and returned to Onslow. Declarant does not remember who commanded as superior Officer at Caswell's camp but believes it was an officer from the neighborhood of Wilmington -- he obtained a written discharge but has lost it. Declarant again volunteered under Col. Grant for three months at the time the British occupied Wilmington under Major Craig [James Craig], his company was this time commanded by Capt. John Cooper and marched from Onslow, towards Wilmington to a Mr. King's where they halted for some weeks, they then marched on through Holly Shelter to Blufords Bridge [sic, Beaufort bridge?], where they were joined by General Lillington [John Alexander Lillington] and Major Battle [Ephraim Battle] of the Battalion from Onslow here they were stationed for some time & during this time a detachment of the enemy came to the bridge & was met and attacked by Col. Brown [perhaps Jeremiah Brown of Hertford County] of the Horse, who was disappointed in the Junction with General Lillington as he had expected -- & had to retreat with the loss of several men after serving here nine months, a detachment of whom declarant was one was sent to convey some artillery to Kinston they marched to the upper part went through to the Rich Lands in Onslow commanded as declarant believes by a commissioned officer whose name he does not remember; & Col. Grant went to Kinston at the same time. After reaching Kinston & while there his term of service expired and he was discharged and in company with Col. Grant returned to Onslow, declarant does not recollect having any written discharge either tour, & believes that he had none -- Col. Grant was a neighbor & returned with those discharged to Onslow.

Declarant again volunteered for three months under Col. George Mitchell of Onslow County. At this time he joined a company of Horse under the command of Capt. Hull Jones and

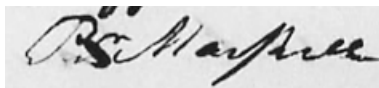
was stationed chiefly in the Rich Lands between this and Wilmington; Col. Grant was again with him a part of the time and the period was spent mainly in patrolling the Country and in foraging parties. After serving these three months they were discharged by Col. Grant at his house on Queen's Creek and received as declarant recollects no written discharge.

Declarant has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his claim to a pension. 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. This applicant never was in any engagement; he recollects of no Continental troops with whom he served but remembers among the militia decides viz. mentioned a Battalion or Regiment from Duplin County and one also from Jones County commanded by an officer named Hatch.

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid

S/ D. W. Sanders, Clk

S/ Pr Marshell



[John Hewitt, Daniel Ambrose, & James Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In the State of Maryland in the Eastern Shore the 30th of December 1761

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: Yes -- At home in the handwriting of my father in a book of sermons -- brought to Jones & from thence to Onslow by him when he removed from Maryland --

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Onslow County I have lived & still live since I came from Jones County in this state where my father sometimes resided & I came to Onslow when I was 12 years old or thereabouts.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I volunteered always as stated in my declaration --

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: There were no regular officers at the time I served with the Troops; There were no Continental regiments or troops while I served in the stations where I was; and the militia with whom I served was from Onslow, Duplin, Jones & New Hanover. The officers commanding were General Lillington, Col. Reuben Grant, Col. George Mitchell, Major Brown, and others whose names are not at present recollectd. I was engaged in night patrols often -- foraging parties, guarding Bluford Bridge & conveying some cannon to Kinston with many other services.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: Only one after my first Tour and I do not remember who gave it to me and I have lost it.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: John Hewitt, Daniel Ambrose & James Thompson  
S/ Pur Marshall



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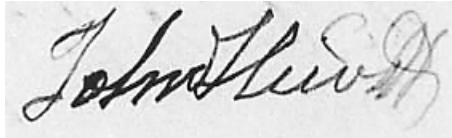
State of North Carolina Onslow County

On this 7th day of May A.D. 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions aforesaid now sitting Purnell Marshall who made the following declaration and first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare in addition to the declaration heretofore made by him and in amendment thereof, That according to the best of his recollection & belief he entered the service above named first in the year 1781 and served as Sgt. for the first Tour of three months and afterwards served as a soldier only for the periods stated -- that his service for the first term was not long before the British occupied Wilmington under Major Craig -- his second tour was at the time Major Craig occupied Wilmington deponent has no means but his recollection of ascertaining the precise period and believes he has come near to the time of his entering the Service.

S/ Purnell Marshall

Also personally appeared in open Court John Hewitt<sup>1</sup> who being duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he knew they Declarant Purnell Marshall in the Revolutionary war, that he was the Sargeant in Capt. John Cooper's company that they were together at Moore's Hill in Onslow County and afterwards at Bluford's Bridge. That affiant then served 3 months & believes the declarant did the same on that Tour.

S/ John Hewitt



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in both the infantry & cavalry of the North Carolina militia for 9 months.]

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<sup>1</sup> [John Hewitt \(Huitt\) R4935](#)