

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mills S7231

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State of North Carolina Columbus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Term 1833

On this the 12th day of February 1833, Personally appeared in Open Court before the Worshipful Bythel Haynes, Parker Nyre, & Robert Ward, Justices of the Peace of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting -- John Mills, a resident of the County of Columbus State of North Carolina aged 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 7th 1832.

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

In the Spring of the year 1776, or 1777, when what were called the nine months men were raised in North Carolina -- He was drafted into a Company of nine months men, in Pitt County, North Carolina, commanded by Capt. Spain [Augustin Spain? but he wasn't promoted to the rank of Captain until 1779] -- (the other officers of the Company not recollected). The Company marched to Halifax North Carolina, where they joined a Regiment of nine months men from other parts of the State commanded by Col. Davidson [William Lee Davidson] and General Hogan [sic, James Hogun]. From Halifax, the Troops marched by way of Petersburg, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Trenton, and Princeton to West Point, on the North River, in the State of New York, and there were employed in working on fortification called Fort Defiance. While there that Post was visited two or three times by General Washington. From West Point, they returned to Philadelphia, and remained there until early in the spring following, when they commenced their return march -- when they arrived at the head of Elk [River] -- the sick men, of whom he was one, were put on board of a vessel, and were landed at Suffolk in Virginia, thence marched to Halifax where they were discharged, their term of service having expired, at least two months before they arrived there. He received a written discharge from General Hogun or Col. Davidson -- (he cannot recollect distinctly which); but it has been long since lost or destroyed. The nine months man were called Continental soldiers -- General Hogun, Col. Davidson, Capt. Allen and Capt. Harrison (whom he recollects), were Continental officers. He resided at the time he entered the service in Pitt County.

2. In the Year 1779, the time of the year not recollected, then residing in Pitt County, he was drafted into a Company of North Carolina Militia commanded by Capt. William Jones (the names of the other officers not recollect) -- they were called into service for three months -- marched to Cross Creek now Fayetteville, under the command of Col. John Sitgreaves of New

Bern, who commanded a Regiment of Militia from Pitt and the adjoining Counties. From Fayetteville, the Regiment marched to Salisbury, thence to Charlotte, and were returning when at the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River], he and three or four other man received orders to escort a couple of British Prisoners, who had the smallpox to a house within a few miles of Salisbury -- which having done they reported themselves to General Butler [John Butler] commanding a body of Militia, from [whom] he received a written discharge -- his term of service having expired. He has lost his discharge. He has no recollection of any Continental officers or Continental or militia Regiments.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services.

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.

S/ John Mills



Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department as propounded to the applicant by the Court.

1. I was born in Pitt County on July 26 1759.
  2. I have a record of my age in my Family Bible.
  3. I resided in Pitt County, during the Revolution -- after the revolution moved to Pedee South Carolina to this County, where I have then residing about 46 years.
  4. I was drafted in each instance.
  5. Full answer to the Question -- I beg leave to refer to the body of my declaration.
  6. For answer to this Question -- I also beg leave to refer to the body of my declaration.
  7. Luke R. Simmons, Esquire -- John Lore, Esq., -- Samuel Hickman, Major John Frink, John Simmons, Joshua Stevens and Joseph F. Long.
- [Luke R. Simmons & Joseph F. Long gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears by the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State that John Mills a musician in Capt. Childs's [Francis Child's] Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted 20th of July 1778 for nine months that John Mills a Sgt. in Capt. Carter's company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 12th of May 1781 for 12 months and that his time was out the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1782, that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

S/ Wm Hill

[Facts in file: Veteran died August 1, 1835: no family data is contained in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line as a musician.]