

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mulwee S7256

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this the 6th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared before me Robert Kirkpatrick, one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid John Mulwee, a Resident of Mecklenburg County & State of North Carolina, aged about eighty-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 June the 7th 1832; That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated.

Your Declarant states that he was born in Ireland in the year 1744 or '45, has no Record of his age. That he was living in the State of North Carolina & Mecklenburg County when called into service & that he has lived, & is living in the same County & State ever since. That he was drafted in all the Campaigns in which he served. That he never received a Discharge from service. The Cherokee Campaign¹ was the first in which your Declarant served. He was drafted in the County & State aforesaid. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was the General of the Army, Neil Morrison [Neal Morrison] was the Captain of the Company to which your Declarant belonged. In no engagement. No Continental troops. The object of the campaign was to subdue the Indians-- was in service about five months -- has no Documentary evidence of the Fact. The second Campaign -- The object of the Tour was to subdue the Tories -- no Continental Troops -- has no Documentary evidence of the fact-- Alexander [Adam Alexander] was the Colonel of the Regiment -- has no distinct recollection of the other officers -- engaged in no Battle -- was in service about two weeks. The third Campaign -- General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], Colonel Huggins & Colonel Erwin [Robert Irwin], were the officers of the Army -- marched from the County & State aforesaid into South Carolina -- was at the Battle of the Hanging Rock² -- in service about two weeks -- in the summer of 1780. The fourth Campaign in which your Declarant served -- Sumner [Jethro Sumner] was the commander in chief of the Army -- Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] was Colonel the other officers he cannot recollect. Was in service about three months. The object of the tour was to harass the British Army of which Lord Cornwallis was commander in chief -- has no documentary evidence of the fact. The fifth Campaign, was called the Wilmington Campaign -- your Declarant was one of the number that went on to relieve the American Army that was under the command of Rutherford -- Major Harris [James Harris] was the commander of the Regiment to which he belonged -- was in service ~~about~~ not less than six or seven weeks -- This Campaign took place in the Fall of 1781. No Continental

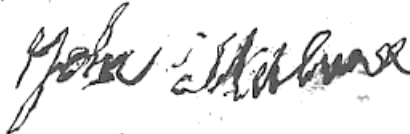
¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

Troops – has no Documentary evidence of the fact. Your Declarant in consequence of his great mental infirmity cannot recollect the general circumstances of his Service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Mulwee



[Joseph W. Ross and James Kennedy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Thomas Downs,³ residing in the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that I know that John Mulwee served in the Cherokee Campaign, & that he was at the Battle of the Hanging Rock & that he was in the second Campaign set forth in his Declaration and do further [state], that I believe, that he did the rest of the services set forth in the Declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thos Downs



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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this 3rd day of June A.D. 1833, personally appeared before me, Robert Kirkpatrick, an acting Justice for the County & State aforesaid, John Mulwee a Resident of the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina aged 87, the 15th of September A.D. 1832, 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 the 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated. Your Declarant, states, that he was born in Ireland the 15th of September A.D. 1744. That he has no Record of his age. That he was living in the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina, when called into service, & that he has lived in the same County & State ever since the Revolution. That he was drafted in all the Campaigns in which [he] served. That he never Received a discharge from any of his officers. The first Campaign in which your Declarant served, was called the Cherokee Campaign – was drafted – Rutherford was General, Neil Morrison was Captain, the other officers at Your Declarant cannot Recollect – Cannot recollect when he entered or left the service – In no Battle – With no Continental Troops – marched from the County & State aforesaid into the State of Tennessee – The object of the Campaign was to quell the Tories – thus in service four months – Received no discharge. The second Campaign – The object of the Campaign was to subdue the Tories – with no Continental Troops – George Alexander was Colonel, the other officers your Declarant cannot Recollect – Does not recollect when he either entered or left the service – marched from the County & State aforesaid into Rowan County in the same State – In no Battle – In service two weeks. The third Campaign – General Sumter, Colonel Haggins [sic], & Colonel Erwin were the officers – marched from the County & State aforesaid into South Carolina – Was at the Battle of the Hanging Rock – In service two weeks – with no Continental Troops received no discharge. The fourth Campaign –

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General Sumner, Colonel Davie, were the officers, the other officers of your Declarant cannot Recollect – In service Three months – The object of the Campaign was to harass the British Army of which Lord Cornwallis was commander in chief – With no Continental Troops. The fifth Campaign, was called the Wilmington Campaign – Your Declarant states that he was one of the number that we went to relieve the American [Army] that was under the command of General Rutherford Major Harris was the commander of the Regiment to which your Declarant belonged – Was in service six weeks – cannot Recollect when he either entered or left the service – Received no discharge. Your Declarant states that in consequence of his mental infirmity he cannot Recollect the minutia of his services. The whole length of service set forth by your Declarant is seven months & two weeks & for such service your Declarant claims a pension under the Act aforesaid – He cannot Recollect the periods of the War when he either entered & left the [service] – never did Receive a discharge from any of his officers. He refers to the affidavit of Thomas Downs to prove the services of the first, second & third Campaigns – He knows of no other person but John Hodge who can Testify to any other of his Services, & his testimony cannot be had without subjecting your Declarant to great inconvenience. 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Mulwee

[Thomas Downs gave another supporting affidavit consistent with the one above; Samuel Williamson, a clergyman, and William Reid gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I Thomas Downes [sic] of the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina maketh oath that he is in his 77th year of age – That he is well acquainted with John Mulwee who has sworn & subscribed to the above declaration – That he did the service set forth in the first, second & third Campaigns in his Declaration – That his narrative of the circumstances are correct, and that I believe he did the service set forth in the other Campaigns.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thos Downs

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.56 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 26 days in the North Carolina militia.]