

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Page S7286

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State of North Carolina Duplin County} SS

On this the 17th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared before Alford Ward and William W. Rivenbark two of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for the County of Duplin aforesaid John Page a resident of said County of Duplin and State of North Carolina aged seventy-three years and some months, 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;

Col. Thomas Sessoms, Major Brown whose given name is not recollected, Field officers,

That he entered the service under Capt. Hezekiah Main [Hezekiah Mann] Meady Bozman Lieut., William Barns [sic, William Barnes?] Ensign, he does not recollect the day month or year when he entered the service, but that it was in the spring of the year and he thinks either in 1779 or 1780, because he had been in the service before General Gates [Horatio Gates] and his Army passed through this State, that he rather believes it was in 1779, that he left this tour of service under Capt. Maun in the last of the fall or first of the winter, that he resided in Edgecomb County [sic, Edgecombe County] North Carolina about seven or eight miles from Tarborough when he entered the service, that he was a light horseman, that his entrance into the service was called enlisting, though perhaps more properly speaking he was a volunteer; that he engaged for six months, that he was in no battle while in the service, but that he was in one or two skirmishes with the Tories, one about five or six miles from Tarborough and the other on Tossnot Creek [sic, Toisnot Creek]; that he rendezvoused in the first place in Tarborough that from thence he marched to Toisnot Creek from thence to Great Contentney [sic, Contentnea Creek], that his marches were mostly confined to Edgecombe County in pursuit of Tories, that he marched at one time into Nash County, and upon one occasion into Wayne County; that he served with no Continental regiments or companies in any part of his Service, that he does not know which of the officers he knew were regular officers, or whether any of them were, that he knew General Caswell [Richard Caswell], Col. Joseph Seawell, Col. Benj. Philips [Benjamin Philips], that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service either in the above mentioned tour or in any other that he served.

That he entered the service again under Capt. Hezekiah Maun, Meady Bozman Lieut., William Barns Ensign that his field officers were Col. Thomas Sossoms & Major Brown, that he

does not remember the day, month or year when he entered the service under Capt. Maun on his second tour of service, but that it was in a short time after the first tour had expired and thinks it was in the winter and the last of 1779 or first of 1780, because he thinks he had finished the six months tour of duty under Capt. Maun before General Gates Army passed through his section of Country, that he had just ended a six months term of service under Capt. Maun before General Gates and his Army passed along which was he thinks the last of July or first of August 1780, that he still resided in Edgecombe County NC, that he entered this service in the same manner as he did the first, a volunteer or enlisted light horsemen, that he was in no battle, during these six months, but had some little skirmishes with the Tories, that his marches were almost entirely confined to within the limits of Edgecombe County, that he was perhaps on several occasions in the Counties of Nash & Wayne, that he has no documentary evidence to show his service either in this tour or any other that he served, and that he staid one night soon after the termination of this tour of service with General Gates' Army where they encamped in Edgecombe County, about fourteen or fifteen miles from Tarborough. About this time he thinks Col. Sessoms left Edgecombe County with a body of men and marched into South Carolina and that Col. Benjamin Philips took Col. Thomas Sessoms' place as a field officer also either Theophilus Thomas or John Caldwell succeeded Major Brown.

That he entered the service again under the following named officers viz. Col. Benjamin Philips, either Major John Caldwell or Theophilus Thomas, Capt. Hezekiah Maun, Lieut. Solomon Nettles (if his memory is correct) William Barnes Ensign: that he does not recollect the day, month or year when he entered this term, but that it was in the winter season, after General Gates' Army had marched through North Carolina, the last of 1780 or first of 1781 -- that he left this service, he thinks, the last of the summer of 1781, that he engaged for six months and served out the term, that he still resided in Edgecombe County NC that he entered as in the former tours, that his place of rendezvous was at Tarborough, that he marches in all the service he performed were for the most part within the County of Edgecombe, that he was in no battle, but had skirmishes with the Tories, one at White Oak Creek & one at Toisnot Creek near the residence of Jacob Horn, that during this period of service Lord Cornwallis &c his Army marched from Wilmington on through the edge of Edgecombe.

That he entered the service a fourth time under the same officers as the last mentioned tour viz. Col. Benjamin Philips, Major John Caldwell or Theophilus Thomas, Capt. Hezekiah Maun, Lieut. Samuel Nettles and William Barnes Ensign, that he does not remember the day or the month he entered this term of service, but thinks it was the last of summer or the first of the fall, and in the year 1781, that he left the service in the spring of the year 1782; that he engaged for six months, that he entered in the same manner as in the other periods of service he is a volunteer or enlisted light horsemen, that he then still continued to reside in Edgecombe County NC, that he was in no battle nor in any skirmish, but that his company captured some Tories, prisoners, during this term, and also in his other tours some of whom were sent to New Bern jail and others put into the American Service; that his marches as before were principally within the County of Edgecombe.

That he entered the service the fifth and last time under the following named officers viz. Col. Benjamin Philips, Major John Caldwell or Theophilus Thomas, Capt. Pender, Lieut. Hartwell Williford, Hardy Flowers Ensign, that he does not remember the day or month but believes that it was in the fall of the year when peace was made that he entered this term of service in the same manner as the former, a volunteer or enlisted light horsemen, that he still continued to reside in Edgecombe County, that his marches were confined to Edgecombe

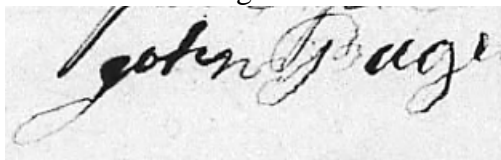
County, that he was in no battle, that he served about three months and was discharged, the war being now ended that in this part of the last tour he was in several skirmishes with the Tories some of whom were sent to New Bern & Halifax Jails.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim 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 and year aforesaid.

S/ Alfred Ward, JP

S/ John Page

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Page". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

S/ Wm Rivenbark, JP

Interrogatories propounded by us Alfred Ward & William Rivenbark two of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Duplin to John Page an applicant for a pension on account of revolutionary services

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Edgecombe County in the year 1759

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

Ans: I have no record of my age in this (Duplin) County. I did have a record of my age in Edgecombe County my father after I removed from that County emigrated to Georgia and I presume took the Bible in which my age was recorded with him.

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

Ans: When called into service I was living in Edgecombe County. For five or six years after the Revolutionary War I resided in Edgecombe County. I then lived in New Hanover County till about twelve or fifteen years ago when I removed into Duplin County, since that time I have lived for the most part in Duplin County except about two years I lived in Sampson County and I now live in Duplin.

4th 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 enlisted as a volunteer in all my service

5th 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 with the troops with whom I served. The only Continental troops I saw were General Gates Army -- I heard of General Greene's Army and General Washington's. The militia regiments I recollect were Col. Philips & General Caswell's. The general Circumstances of my services are stated in the preceding declaration.

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

Ans: I think I received a discharge at the termination of each term, of my service given by Captains Mann and Pender, but I took no care of them & I think I used one or more of mine for wadding.

7th 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: Rev. William Wells, Rev. George M. Hufham, William Newton, Joab Johnson Esquire – John Highsmith, Reuben Rogers, Stephen Williams, Henry Murphey, William Stoaks and others I could name.

[George M. Hufham, a clergyman, and William Newton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia, cavalry service, for 2 years.]