

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of George Poplin S7328

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State of North Carolina, Burke County

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now setting George Poplin a resident of said County & State, was born according to what his parents told him on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1752 & he believes he was 79 years old last December. Who after being 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He volunteered for nine months in the year (don't recollect) he believes in the month of September under Colonel John Littrel [sic, John Luttrell] Captain Jacob Duck, we were stationed at the Hickory Mountain Barracks in Chatham County in this State. This was our head quarters we were frequently sent on short expeditions against the Tories & would then return to the Barracks. We were upon this duty about 7 months. We were then marched up to Yadkin River we then had a small engagement with some of Corn Wallises [sic, Cornwallis'] troops. Colonel Luttrell was defeated at that place. Colonel Luttrell got separated from us & we retreated under Captain Duck back to Chatham where we were discharged, a little before nine months was out. My discharge (a written one) was given to me by Captain Duck.

I next volunteered under Major John Knalls or Nauls [sic, John Nalls or Nall] his brother Nicholas was Captain. I cannot State the year but it was a little before Hillsborough was taken by Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] & McNeal [ sic, Hector McNeil] Scotch Tories - we were marched from Chatham to Cane Creek at Linley's Mill [sic, Lindley's Mill] where we met Fanning & McNeil returning from taking Hillsborough we had a severe engagement with them. The battle lasted about three hours - we tried to retake Governor Burke & other prisoners that was taken at Hillsborough but could not do it - Colonel Luttrell & Major Nalls were both killed at that battle. Colonel Golson [sic, William Goldston] and Colonel Mebane [Robert Mebane] - some other officers commanded at that battle. I remained under Captain Nicholas Nalls about three months, till he was taken with the Small Pox & had to leave the County on account of the Tories. There were nineteen of his command then went under Major Rossen & Colonel Goldston down into South Carolina & remained there till we heard that Cornwallis was taken. During my service in South Carolina I was in two skirmishes one on Drowning Creek & one on Shoe heel Swamp. These were with the Tories & we were kept

constantly scouting about after the Tories & guarding against them during the whole time I was in South Carolina. I was discharged by Major Rossen soon after we heard that Cornwallis was taken. The date I don't recollect nor cannot State it upon oath. My discharges are all lost I know not what became of them.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed day & year aforesaid  
Test S/ J. Erwin, Clk

S/ George Poplin

[Isaac Stewart gave a supporting affidavit as to age and reputation of the applicant.]

State of North Carolina, Burke County: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1833

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in & for said County George Poplin who being duly sworn Depoeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and the grade of a soldier-- My first tour of service was as a volunteer under Colonel John Luttrell & Captain Jacob Duck as set forth in my Declaration – the length of time I served in that tour was seven months & 12 or 14 days. I cannot recollect the year. I was discharged by Captain Duck but have lost my discharge. I next volunteered under Major John Knawls [sic, John Nalls] & his brother Nicholas Knawls [sic, Nicholas Nalls] and served somewhere between three & four months (say three months) during the tour Major Nalls was killed at Lindley's Mills in Chatham County. Governor Burke was taken prisoner at the day before at Hillsboro this will enable you to ascertain the . Above War & the year but I cannot recollect the date. My next service was as a volunteer under Major Rosser & Colonel Goldston. This Tour he was in service four months & some days cannot precisely recollect the number, we heard of Cornwallis be taken just before I was discharged & this ended my services in for which [sic, he claims a pension.]

Recapitulation

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Tour | 7 months | 12 days         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tour | 3        |                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tour | <u>4</u> | <u>        </u> |
|                      | 14       | 12              |

Sworn to & subscribed date above before me  
S/ Jesse Burgin, JP

S/ George Poplin