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Pension application of John Pool S7329

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State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November term 1832

On this the 20th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid, now sitting, John Pool a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged 70 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 was drafted in the militia service of this State in the year 1781, but in what month he does not recollect, whilst a resident of Wake County for the term of 4 months, under Captain Dudd Jones [sic, Dredd Jones?] -- Lieutenant Trent and rendezvoused at the Court House of the aforesaid County. That his company marched up to Salisbury North Carolina where his company remained for 8 or 10 days expecting the approach of the British Army on his way from Camden South Carolina -- that upon their arrival of an American Light Horse Company -- his company with the other Americans, marched backwards across the River Yadkin & retreated eastwards until they reached Guilford Court House North Carolina where having been met & reinforced by General Greene [Nathanael Greene] the American Army halted & gave battle. After the Defeat at Guilford, this Declarant with his Company, retreated to Wake County, where, in a short time after they reached the County of Wake, Colonel Sanders collected as many of the soldiers as he found & marched them down to Fayetteville North Carolina, then, called Cross Creek -- among whom was this Declarant. The British Army, had already passed through Fayetteville on its way to the North, but these men, of whom this Declarant was one, were marched down to that place on horseback for the more speedy suppression of the Tories by whom that Section of Country was very much annoyed at that time. The appearance of Colonel Sanders awed the Tories who gave no battle -- and after remaining there a short time, this Declarant's term of 4 months expired & he was discharged & returned home.

That in the year 1783 (the month not recollected with certainty -- but he believes in August) he volunteered under one Colonel Mathew Colours [Capt. Matthew McCullers¹] who raised a Light Horse Company for the term of 3 months. That the company rendezvoused at Wake Court House -- from thence they marched to Ramsey's Mills in Chatham County North Carolina to give fight to the Tories who had been plundering the neighboring Country & carrying everything before them. That hearing at Ramsey's Mills of the Tories who had invaded Hillsboro & taken up the Governor, Prisoner, they went up the Haw River on which Ramsey's Mills were situated & engaged the Tories who they found at Lindley's Mills² -- There the Tories were

¹ [Matthew McCullers W7415](#)

² The Battle of Lindley's Mill occurred on September 13, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm>

defeated with great slaughter. After this engagement, they marched down to Cross Creek, now Fayetteville North Carolina -- where their term of service having expired, they were discharged.

This Declarant was born in this County & has constantly resided here during his whole life. That he has no record of his age. He saw General Greene at Guilford Court House who there commanded the American forces. He also saw General Butler [John Butler] -- but though he recollects to have seen & known other officers of the Regular Army under whom he served -- he is unable, from a faded memory now to recall their names.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Pool, X his mark

I William Clifton³ a soldier of the Revolution do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with John Pool who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration -- that I believe he is 70 years old -- and that having served with him in the same tours & in the same companies -- mentioned in his declaration -- I had do know of my own personal knowledge that he did serve as he states & that the aforesaid John Pool is reputed & believed in the neighborhood in which he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Clifton

³ [William Clifton W3945](#)