

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Register S7368

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State of North Carolina Sampson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 23rd day of August in the year while Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before William Kirby, Whitney Royal, Burrel Dawson, Benjamin Phillips, Henry Godwin & David Dawson Esquires Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions aforesaid now sitting, John Register Junior a resident of Sampson County, in the State of North Carolina aged sixty-six 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.

That he entered the service under the command of Captain William Vann, that he thinks it was after Christmas, in the month of February that he is an unlettered person and does not know the year, but John Register Senior entered that service with him and he thinks it was in the year 1781, that he thinks this service ended about the first of May because when he returned home corn was up some height; that about that time Cornwallis was marching through the Country, that he engaged for 3 months, that he embodied at the Big Bridge in New Hanover County North Carolina, that when he entered the service he resided in Duplin County North Carolina so-called then, but now in Sampson; that he was a volunteer, that he was in a sort of skirmish at the Big Bridge with the enemy, each firing at the other across the River with artillery and sometimes with a small arms, that this firing continued 5 or 6 days, that from the Big Bridge he marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] in Lenore County North Carolina, that he did not serve with any Continental regiments, that the only regular officer he knew was Curtis Ivey, that he was disbanded at Kinston, that at the end of the term he thinks Johnson Parker was his Captain having taken place of William Vann; that he has no documentary evidence and thinks he can prove this tour of service by John Register Senior.

That he entered a second term of service under the command of Captain Robert Merritt, King Vann Lieutenant, as a light horseman, that he thinks it was the latter end of Sumner, that he does not recollect when he left his term that he still resided in Duplin County, that he was a volunteer, that he was in 2 skirmishes during this tour one Captain She Williams's on Cohara [Coharie] in which 2 of the Tories were killed and some wounded and taken prisoners, and one at Bennet Smith's own South River in which one of his company viz. David Tucker through the thigh, that he embodied at Captain Robert Merritt's, that from thence he thinks he marched to Duplin old Court House as well as he recollects, that from thence to the Coharie, that in this tour he marched through New Hanover County, and traversed in his march Duplin County a good deal, that he served with no Continental regiments, that he has no documentary evidence and that

he thinks he can prove this term of service by John Register Senior¹ and Daniel Merritt.

That he entered a third term of service under the command of Captain Robert Merritt King Vann Lieutenant, that he does not recollect the day month or year, with any certainty, nor does he remember when he left this service with any degree of certainty for he was then quite young, that he engaged for 3 months, that he still continued to reside in Duplin, that he was a volunteer, that he does not remember of being [in] any battle in this tour, that he marched during this tour for the most part over Duplin & New Hanover, that he did not serve with any Continental regiments, that he has no documentary evidence and thinks he can prove this service by Daniel Merritt and John Register Senior.

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.

Interrogatories propounded to John Register Junior and applicant for a pension on account of revolutionary services in the militia of North Carolina.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Duplin County North Carolina about 4 miles from the Six Runs on the plantation where I now reside. I do not know what month or year I was born in but from the best information I can procure I was born in the year 1766. I can recollect that my parents told me I was about 14 when I entered the service.

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

Answer. I have none.

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

Answer. When called into service I was living on the place where I was born, since the revolutionary war I've lived on the same piece of land, and now live on the same tract.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered.

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.

Answer. There were no regular officers with the troops where I served as I know of, I don't recollect any Continental regiments. The militia regiments or armies I can recollect were these, one commanded at the Big Bridge by General Lillington, they were also there Colonel William Dickson, Colonel Charles Ward, Colonel Rutledge & Major Treadwell in my opinion, and one commanded by Captain She Williams, by Colonel Hardy Holmes, (Colonel James Moore Colonel David Dodd being also there) and one at the Cross Roads commanded by Colonel James Kenan. The general circumstances of my service are set forth 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?

Answer. I don't remember of ever having received a discharge from the service and if I did I have lost it.

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.

Answer. William Robinson Esquire, Gabriel Holmes, Owen Holmes, John Bryan, Dickson Sloan

¹ FPA W4318

Esquire, Major James Mathis, William B. Meares, Peyton R. Parker Esquire, Patrick Murphy, Reverend David Rogers, Reverend Solomon Johnson and others I could mention whom I think know me and will testify to my character for veracity & believe I served in the war of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John register, Junior, E his mark

[David Rogers, a clergyman, and Gabriel Holmes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Sampson County: Superior Court of Law Spring Term 1833

On this the 1st day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James Martin one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity for the State of North Carolina now presiding in the Superior Court of Law for the County of Sampson John Register Junior the aforesaid applicant for the purpose of amending his preceding declaration who being first duly sworn according to law doth further declare and say that he entered in the service of the United States in a company of Duplin militia under Captain William Vann his other officers he forgets in February 1781 & served three months as a private; that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person has John Register Senior is now dead by whom he can prove this service.

2ndly, He served 6 months under Captain Robert Merritt being 2 tours of 3 months each, as a private of cavalry; that he has no documentary evidence but thinks he can prove this service by Daniel Merritt of this County.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test: S/ W. MacKay, CSC

S/ John Register, E his mark

State of North Carolina Sampson County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1832

On this the 7th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Robert Strange one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity for the State aforesaid now presiding in the Superior Court of Law held for the County of Sampson Daniel Merritt² a resident of said County who being duly sworn maketh oath that he is & has been well acquainted with John Register Junior an applicant for a pension for Revolutionary services, that he knew him the said applicant to have performed 6 months service as a light horseman and under Captain Robert Merritt that he is not certain as to the year but supposes it was in 1781 along in the summer and fall, that this deponent & the aforesaid declarant were in 2 skirmishes together during that time one a Captain She Williams's beyond Coharie & one at Bennet Smith's on the South River, that their marches for the most part were confined to Duplin (of which part is now Sampson) and New Hanover Counties.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Daniel Merritt

² [Daniel Merritt W6817](#)