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Pension application of John Reavis S7380

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State of North Carolina Surry County: On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally appeared before me Josiah Cowles [?] a Justice of the peace & member of the County Court of Surry County North Carolina John Reavis Senior a resident of Surry County aged 72 years, who first 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated: End or about the month of October 1778 he was drafted into the company commanded by Captain Henry Smith. Joined General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] at Salisbury marched by the way of Camden, Eutaw, Dorchester to Purrysburg on the Savannah River. Sometimes at Purrysburg & sometimes at Two Sisters up and down the Savannah River, watching the British, was on the magazine guard at the time the battle of Briar Creek was fought. The draft was for 5 months but he served & was discharged for 6 months having staid one month as a volunteer waiting for recruits. My discharge was signed by Joseph Ayres & is lost. In answer to the Questions as propounded by the Magistrate he states

1st that he was born in Northampton County State of North Carolina 1760

2nd I have a family record of my age there is no public one

3rd I was living when called into service in the County of Surry & still live there.

4. I was called into service by draft.

5th. As relates the names of Regular Officers we joined the General Lincoln at Purrysburg he recollects no others -- except Militia Officers -- yes he does Colonel Little [sic, probably Archibald Lytle] who went with the volunteers across the River

6th As to a discharge I received one as stated before but it is lost

7th State the names of persons to whom you are acquainted who can testify to character etc.

Answer -- I refer to John Angel, Tho. Wright & others

he hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension or Annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State or Territory.

S/ John Reavis Senior

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written before me

S/ J. Cowles, JP & M.C.C.

[John Angel, a clergyman, and Thomas Wright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

We Carter Hudspeth¹ & Robert Horn² do testified that we are well acquainted with John Reavis

¹ [Carter Hudspeth S7058](#)

² [Robert Horn S7023](#)

Senior who has signed the above declaration, was a soldier of the Revolutionary War & that day he served in the same Army with him at Purrysburg & that the said tour continued for 6 months & rising.

S/ Robert Horn

S/ Carter Hudspeth