

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Roan (Roun) S7415

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State of North Carolina, County of Caswell

On this tenth day of October 1832, personally appeared in Open Court, before the Justices of Caswell County Court now sitting, Thomas Roan, a resident of North Carolina and County of Caswell, aged Seventy-One years, who 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. -- That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, (viz.) he entered the Army in the month of October 1779, in the Company of Captain William Harden a militia officer, and General Livingston [sic, John Alexander Lillington's?] Brigade, and he was regularly discharged the following April, viz., April 1780, he was a Volunteer, from the above State and County, there was no particular or regular engagement in this term of service, that he entered again sometime in the early part of the year 1781, the precise time at which he entered he is unable positively to state, but believes that it was in the month of January, as a Fifer in the Company of Captain John McMullen, and Captain Nathaniel Dickerson's Rifle Company and Col. William Moore's Regiment, the time of service in this expedition, or the time at which he was discharged he will not undertake to state with precision, but he is very confident that it was three months, or more, the engagements, were a partial one at Whitesell's Mill [sic, Wetzel's Mill, March 6, 1781],<sup>1</sup> and another partial one at the Alamanty [sic, Alamance?]<sup>2</sup> and a general one at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781],<sup>3</sup> all these engagements took place in this State. He again entered in the ensuing fall that is the fall of 1781, but the precise time he is unable to state, under Captain Robert Burton, no Regiment was duly and regularly organized at this time, we set out for Yorktown in Virginia & were intercepted by an express to return, there was no other engagement in this term of service, In this term of service, he also was a Fifer, and states that the term consisted of three months or more, -- making in all 12 months which he claims a pension for, but believes he served much longer, I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

The following Interrogatories were propounded by the Court to the applicant and received the following answers to them,

1<sup>st</sup> Question: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, I was born in the State of Virginia, in the County of King and Queen on the 10<sup>th</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_weitzells\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_weitzells_mill.html)

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps a reference to the engagement on the Reedy River on March 7, 1781 at which a company of Caswell County Militia under Capt. Robert Park is thought to have been present.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_reedy\\_fork.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_reedy_fork.html)

[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

day of January 1761.

2<sup>nd</sup> Question: Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer, there is a record, I believe in Person County, but it is nearly effaced by time

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

Answer, I was living in this State, and this County, have lived here ever since, and as stated before live here now.

4<sup>th</sup> Question: How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer, Has stated above, I was a volunteer in every expedition

5<sup>th</sup> Question: 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, General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], was the Commander in Chief at the regular or general engagement at Guilford Court House, Colonel Archibald Lytle was with us in the Southern expedition at Charleston &c and Colonel William Moore commanded as a militia officer at Wetzels mill & Alamance, and also Col. Farmer was with us at those partial engagements, he also was a militia Colonel. Lapse of time and a treacherous memory in conjunction with the unexpected call, prevent me from stating more fully the officers--

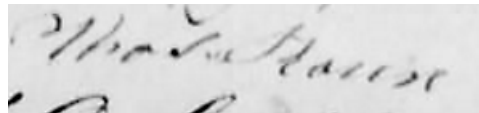
6<sup>th</sup> Question: Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer, I received a discharge from the service, for the first term of service, given by Captain Harden, I also received a permit to go home and stand as a minute man, given by Captain Robert Burton, this term, being called in so many different ways and transferred so often from one set to another set [of] officers I do not think I received either a discharge or permit, not expecting to be benefited by retaining the discharge and permit I think I have neither.

7<sup>th</sup> Question: 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.

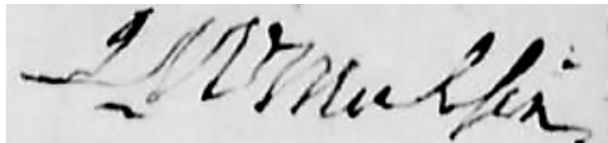
Answer, I am generally known in my neighborhood, will name John McMullin,<sup>4</sup> James Rainey,<sup>5</sup> Elisha Evans,<sup>6</sup> James Rainey & others all of whom will testify as above. Sworn to in open Court the day & year above written.

S/ Thos. Roun



I John McMullin of the State of North Carolina & County of Caswell do certify that the above Applicant, Thomas Roan, was in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War that he was a Fifer in the Company commanded by me as Captain, but how long I do not know.

S/ J McMullin



Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court the day & year above.

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4 [John McMullin \(McMullen\) W4287](#)

5 This MAY be the [James Rainey S35599](#). This claimant lived in Kentucky at the time he filed for his pension. Did he return to Caswell County from Kentucky or is this a different James Rainey?

6 [Elisha Evans S6830](#)

Test: S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clk

[Elisha Evans, James Rainey and Paul A. Haralson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private and musician for one year in the North Carolina militia.]