

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Scoggin (Scoggins) S7458

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions September Term 1833

On this 5 day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Daniel Baker, James Kirkpatrick & Sampson Boon, presiding justices of the County Court of Cumberland now sitting Robert Scoggins a resident of Cumberland County State of North Carolina 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.

Your declarant states that he was born in the County of Prince George State of Virginia on the 30th day of May 1761: that he had a record of his age which is now in the possession of some of his friends in Virginia and cannot therefore be obtained; that he was living in Prince George County when called into service and continued to reside there until about eighteen years ago when he removed to the County of Cumberland where he now resides; that he was drafted sometime during the fall of 1777 the month or day he does not distinctly recollect, he was then marched to Suffolk as a private soldier under the command of Captain Peter Williams accompanied by Captain Bonner's company that they were joined at Suffolk by the troops under the command of Colonel Dick Major Euwell [Ewell?] and General Muhlenberg; that he remained at Suffolk for the space of three months when his time of service expired: that he did not receive a discharge but immediately volunteered and joined a company called the Light Infantry Company commanded by Captain Knaught [sic, Knight?] and marched to within a few miles of Norfolk: that he continued in the neighborhood of the last mentioned place watching the motions of the enemy for three months, when a printed discharge was given him by Major William Hoffler, which discharge through negligence and length of time has been lost and therefore cannot be produced; that he returned home in the spring of 1778 and was again called into service in the fall of 1779 and proceeded to Petersburg and was placed under the command of Captain Holt; that he served there with the Regiment commanded by Colonels Bannister, Coll and Gibson for three months when he was discharged: that there is no clergyman residing in his immediate vicinity, nor does he know of any witness who can state his personal knowledge of his services: that he is known to Cleaveland Haguewood & John Atkins who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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.

S/ Robt Scoggin

Robt Scoggin

[John Atkins & Cleveland Haywood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to the interrogatories required by the War Department.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Prince George State of Virginia on the 30th day of May 1761.

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

Ans. I once had a record of my age contained in a family Bible which was sold at my father's sale and fell into the hands of some friends in Virginia.

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

Ans. I was living when called into service in Prince George County Virginia and continued to live there until about 18 years ago when I removed to Cumberland County North Carolina where I now reside.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. In the first instance I was drafted for 3 months in the second volunteered for 3 months and in the third instance was drafted for 3 months.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Ans. The following officers were with me Colonel Dick, Major Euwill & General Muhlenberg, major William Hoffler, Colonels Coll, Bannister and Gibson – which officers he is unable to say whether they were Regular or Militia.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it

Ans. I did not in the first instance: in the second I did receive a printed discharge from major William Hoffler which has been lost through negligence and lapse of time.

7th. State the names of her sons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Ans. I am known to Cleaveland Haguewood & John Atkins who can testify as required

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]