

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Southard S7578

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 29th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, it being a Court of record John Southard, aged seventy-three years the 9th day of September last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision may by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served under the following named officers as hereinafter Stated.

That in the month of September 1776, in the County of Sussex State of Virginia he volunteered as a private in a Company Commanded by Captain Gray Judkins for the term of six weeks and was engaged during that time in working on the public works at Yorktown State of Virginia; That he volunteered as a private: on five other different occasions thereafter in the said County of Sussex, on Towers [Tours] of six weeks Each, and was in actually [sic actual] Service generally during each of said Towers, that as well as he recollects, the second Company he entered was commanded by Captain Lawrence Smith and that his Company was engaged during the second Term of his Service in guarding Yorktown aforesaid; that he was stationed during the third term of his service at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia and was in the Company Commanded by Captain Richard Howell: that he was stationed at Smithfield in the State of Virginia during the fourth term of Service aforesaid attached to a Company commanded by Captain Judkins above mentioned as well as he recollects; that he served in the fifth Tour aforesaid at the Long Bridge in the State of Virginia near the Dismal Swamp being attached to a Company the name of which Captain he does not recollect he remembers that the Regiment to which he [his] Company belonged at the Long bridge was commanded by Colonel Josiah Parked [Josiah Parker] and Major Charles De Clomed [Christian Charles de Klauman]; that during the sixth tour aforesaid which this declarant performed he was attached to a Company commanded by Captain John Powell [could be John Howell] which Company was during the tour aforesaid a good deal migratory in the County of Nansemond in Virginia & the surrounding Country it being about the time that the British Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] passed from the State of North Carolina to Portsmouth Virginia with his Troop of Horse and the said British Colonel being in our neighborhood this declarant states that he may have been in some error in assigning above some of the above named Captains to the Companies in which this declarant hath stated he served as a Soldier but if there be any mistake it is only in assigning the said officers to the different Companies in which he served for he distinctly recollects being in the tours above named & of being Commanded by the officers aforesaid but it may be that he has assigned said Officers to the wrong Companies. This declarant resided in the County of Sussex in the State of Virginia at the time he volunteered at the several times as aforesaid; this declarant was born 9th

September 1758 in Brunswick or Greenville County Virginia near Belfield; he hath a record of his age at home he resided two or three years in the County of Sussex in the State of Virginia after the Close of the revolutionary war and then moved to the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina within three or four miles of the Shallow Ford on Haw River in said County in which neighborhood he now resides & hath resided ever since. This declarant never received a discharge from the Service in which he was. This declarant is known to Jacob Somers Esquire, Henry Hurdle Esquire, Doctor William Montgomery & Colonel James Moore in his neighborhood and that he hath no documentary evidence of his services as aforesaid nor does he know any person or persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service except the accompanying affidavit of Hartwell Barham<sup>1</sup> the declarant hereby relinquishes any 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 so far as he hath knowledge.

S/ John Southard, X his mark

North Carolina Orange County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1833

On this the 26th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions aforesaid, now sitting, John Southard a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 74 years in September 1832, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement by way of amendment and addition to and declaration by him made before the Court aforesaid at its August Sessions A.D. 1832 for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That this declarant cannot recollect the particular periods of the six tours of duty set forth in his former declaration further than that the first of said tours was in the month of September 1776, and that the balance of the said tour was in was between that time and the surrender of Yorktown, Virginia.

The declarant further states that within the period aforesaid he served another tour of duty as a private in the militia of Virginia of four weeks – for which he volunteered in the County of Sussex Virginia and served out that tour under Captain John Massinburg [sic?] –in the lower Counties of Virginia – being migratory during said tour. The declarant did not recollect this tour when he made his former declaration – but he has a distinct recollection of having served it. As additional proof, the declarant offers the accompanying Certificates of a clergyman and to resident citizens.

S/ John Southard, X his mark

[William Matkins, a clergyman, James Moore & Daniel Barnett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months & 12 days in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Hartwell Barham S41418](#). The file does not contain any affidavit given by Barham.