

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wheeden S7875

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State of North Carolina in New Hanover County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions March Term 1832

On this the 12th day of March 1832 before the Worshipful Justices of the Court aforesaid viz. Alexander Miller, Lewis H. Marsteller, James Howard, & Dugald McDuffee personally appeared John Wheeden, a resident of the Town of Wilmington in the County of New Hanover in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-seven last November 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 & served as herein stated --

1st -- In a company of Duplin militia under Captain John Williams, Samuel Houston Lieutenant, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Rutledge, in the brigade of General Moore, being ordered out to go against the British then on board their Fleet in Cape Fear [River] below Wilmington, in the spring of 1777 and served three months as a private and left the service in the summer of 1777, that he was a volunteer that he was in no battle; that he marched from Duplin to Wilmington, thence into Brunswick County at Orton's Mills, and there stationed while, thence back to Wilmington where he was discharged, that he served with no Continental regiments or companies that the regular Officers he knew were Captain Joseph Rhodes, Captain Dozier, Captain Coleman & Curtis Ivey, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person now alive by whom he can prove this service --

2ndly -- In a company of Duplin militia in May 1778 under Captain William Hubbard & was subsequently transferred to the command of a Captain whose name this applicant forgets, Samuel Houston Lieutenant, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Kenan in the brigade of General Nash and served two and a half months as a private, he engaged for three months as a volunteer and having been taken sick at the expiration of two and a half months he was there upon furlough & came home -- marched from Duplin to Wilmington, thence to betwixt Wilmington & Jumping Run where he joined General Nash's brigade, and continued till he was taken sick and furlough as aforesaid; that he has no documentary evidence, & knows of no person alive by whom he can prove this service,

3rdly -- In a company of Duplin militia under Captain William Hubbard, Thomas Quinn

Sergeant, the other company officers he forgets, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Kenan and joined General Lillington's forces near the Big Bridge in New Hanover County, in the first of the year 1781 and served three months as a private, that he was a volunteer; that he was in no battle, but there was a skirmish with the enemy on the East side of the North East River near the Big Bridge aforesaid -- that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person now alive by whom he can prove this service --

4thly -- In a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain James Gillespie, Samuel Houston Lieutenant, Daniel Southerland Ensign, ordered out by Colonel James Kenan in May or June 1781 to go against the enemy under Major Craige [sic, James Craig], and served four months as a private, was fired upon at several times by the enemy, but never and a regular battle on some occasions fired upon the enemy, that he marched for the most part through all Duplin County also in New Hanover County and to Wilmington where he was discharged -- that he has no documentary proof & knows of no person by whom he can prove this service --

Answers of the aforesaid applicant to the Questions prescribed by the War Department --

1. In Virginia in November 1756.

2. I have a record of my age at home taken from my Grandfather's Bible.

3. I lived in Duplin County when called into service; since the war I've lived in Brunswick & New Hanover County & I'm now live in New Hanover County.

4. I refer to my declaration --

5. I beg leave to refer to my declaration

6. I never received a discharge in writing

7. Gabl. Holmes, William Harriss, John McAustin, Murdoch McKay, Joshua James, James B. Morris, Alexander Anderson

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. F. Davis, Clk

S/ John Wheeden

[Charles B. Morris and Jeremiah Nichols gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 a half months service as a private.]