

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Daniel Witherington S7932

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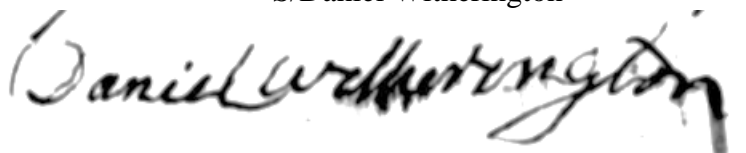
State of North Carolina, Duplin County: November Term A. D. 1832

On this 28th day of November personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Duplin County, now sitting, Daniel Witherington, a resident of the County of Duplin & State aforesaid, aged 76 years, 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.

This applicant entered the service on the February following the Declaration of Independence in Dobbs County in this State under the command of Richard Caswell, Jesse Cobb Captain & we marched first to Bladen & turned down the Cape Fear [River] to New Hanover [County]. We had a small engagement on our route. Sixty men from our company were taken. We had a fight at Moore's Creek in New Hanover County [sic] & we got the better of the enemy & they ran in about fifteen minutes. After this we returned to Kinston & were dismissed. After the first tour while living on the edge of Craven [County], I was drafted to go to Guilford under the command of Richard Caswell but being sick I gave sixty barrels of corn for a substitute & he went in my place. My substitute was named Thomas Moore. My draft was for Joseph Allen's company. Subsequently to this, this applicant joined William Caswell, son of the Governor & went with him in pursuit of Craig under Henry Smith Captain, Samuel Smith Lieutenant – both of whom are dead. This applicant was sent back for some arms & recruits some days after starting & finding some of both returned & put both under the command of Captain Allen. This applicant joined the light horse under the command of Abraham Shepard & John Inloe [sic, Enloe] – from Pitt County. We were defeated in this campaign & returned home. After this applicant was appointed to guard the magazine in Kinston under the command of Jesse Cobb Captain & his company. In this duty we were engaged about three months. Was seized with dysentery and got my brother Stephen to take my place. Was engaged in occasional Tory hunting for several days at a time & served he thinks from nine to 12 months & upwards altogether.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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/Daniel Witherington



Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

I certify that there is no clergyman residing in my immediate neighborhood.

S/ Daniel Witherington

[Edward Outlaw and James Pearsall gave a standard supporting affidavit

[Answers to interrogatories]

1. Where & in what year were you born?

Answer: In 1756 – the 4th February in Dobbs County North Carolina

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

Answer – Yes I have it at home.

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

Answer I lived in Dobbs when entered the service & I have lived since the R. War & now live in Duplin County.

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

Answer: I first volunteered & did so on every occasion except when being sick, I hired a substitute as stated above.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect, & the general circumstances of your services.

Answer – General Caswell, William Bryan of Craven, second in command, John Daily Major Captain James Armstrong from Pitt, John Enloe from Pitt, Peter Harget from Craven. Having never served in the Continental line, knows no officers. First went to Moore's Creek – second to Smithfield by my substitute Thomas Moore, third to the Cape Fear after Craig – 4th to guard the magazine & then after the Tories.

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

Answer: Never received any. Had a present once of six dollars from Jesse Cobb.

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

Answer: John Watkins, Joseph Enion [?] & James Pearsall, the clerk of this court.

S/J. Pearsall, Clerk

State of North Carolina Duplin County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County and State aforesaid Daniel Witherington who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for three months – ___days I served in Captain Cobb's Company attached to Colonel Richard Caswell's Regiment this was in the year 1777 for three months I entered Captain Henry Smith's Company attached to Colonel William Caswell's Regiment & served that tour this I believe was in the year 1779. I then entered the service in Captain A. Shepherd's light horse Company & served two months which was in the same year. In the following year I was called into service under Captain Jesse Cobb to guard the Magazine at Kinston who was ordered out by Governor Richard Caswell, all which times I served as set forth I do not know nor can I state to whose Regiment Captain Shepherd's company was attached. And he further swears that he was not engaged in any civil employment during the period of service above set forth. And he believes that the Companies were called into service by the State authorities.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of March 1835

S/ Jeremiah Pearsall, Esquire, JP

S/ Daniel Witherington

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]