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Pension application of John Winborne S7937

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State of North Carolina Northampton County

On this 3rd day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, John Winborne a resident of Northampton County and State of North Carolina aged sixty-eight years and seven months, 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, and served as herein stated vizt. 1st Under Captain John Peterson about the 1st June 1780 as a substitute for his father James Winborne 8th June 1780 March from Halifax NC to the South by way of Cross Creek now Fayetteville N. C. under Colonel Benjamin Exum of Edgecombe County and was attached to a command of General Richard Caswell and General Gates's Army a day or two before the battle on the 15th of August 1780 when Gates was defeated by the British General Cornwallis, in the militia were dispersed through the Country – this declarant states that having joined the Continental Army but a few days before the battle spoken of in the militia and generally having been dispersed, he had no opportunity of being acquainted with any of the Continental regiments or companies or of any Continental officers, but he is inclined to believe that an officer of the regular Army by the name of William Parker, who he believes was killed in the battle, acted as adjutant of the Regiment to which declarant belonged, or inspected or mustered it – declarant states that in about twenty days after Gates's defeat, the Army to which he belonged and under the same officers rendezvoused at Halifax again, and marched to Cross Creek now Fayetteville N. C. where they took some Tories prisoners and marched with them to New Bern N. C. from thence to Halifax again with the prisoners, who were then lodged in jail and the company discharged about 29th of October 1780. That Henry Vinson acted as Lieutenant and John Kay as Ensign to the Company to which declarant belonged, both of whom as well as Captain Peterson are now dead – that Henry Garris¹ is now living in this County served with declarant. –

2ndly – About the 1st of August 1781 declarant entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Joel Sherrod, Lieutenant Elijah Daughtry and Ensign Jason Bryan, and rendezvoused at Halifax NC, when declarant was appointed adjutant by General Allen Jones, who commanded

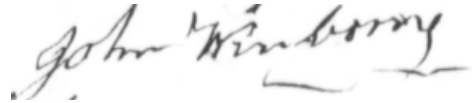
¹ Sic, [Henry Garriss S5173](#)

the militia stationed there, and marched thence to Tarboro N. C. where Major Thomas Hogg took command of the company to which declarant belonged, as well as other companies from Gates, Franklin & Halifax Counties and he thinks others. From Tarboro they marched to Cross Creek, now Fayetteville NC– thence to within about 12 miles of Wilmington N C and remained there until the news of the surrender of Cornwallis at Little York arrived there – thence to Tarboro, where he was discharge about 1st November 1781. – This declarant further states that he was born (and now lives) in Northampton County N C on the 5th of February 1764 – that the record of his birth was made by his father in a family Bible from whence declarant transcribed it into his own Bible – that his discharges were left with his father's papers, who has been dead a number of years. That he has made search and inquiry for them, but he has not been able to find them – declarant states that he was not in company with any Continental troops or officers in this his last tour of service that he recollects; but it was said that a Captain John Walton of the regular Army commanded the Gates Company. He hereby are 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard H Weaver, Clerk

S/ John Winborne



[William H Hardee, a clergyman, and Henry Garris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Northampton County: Superior Court of Law 5th Monday after the 4th Monday in March 1833 –

The amended declaration of John Winborne for a pension under the act of Congress of July [sic,] 1832 – vizt.

Henry Garris being now duly sworn says that he served with the applicant John Winborne for and during the term of the tour of duty mentioned in the declarant's declaration made on the 3rd day of September 1832 before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Northampton, so far as relates to the 1st tour under Captain John Peterson; and to the best of his knowledge and belief the said John Winborne served 5 months in that tour as a militia man. –

Sworn & subscribed in open Court

S/ Ro. Strange, DC

S Henry Garris, X his mark

John Winborne declares 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 he has not nor can he procure any evidence of his having served as an adjutant as stated in his declaration made before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Northampton County on the 3rd day of September 1832: that the only evidence he can procure of his services in the 1st tour of service under Captain John Peterson as stated in his said declaration is the testimony of Henry Garris above, according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades – For four months and twenty-one days as a substitute for his father as a militia man: and for 3 months as adjutant in the militia: and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court

S/ Ro. Strange

S/ John Winborne

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private and adjutant in the North Carolina militia.]