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Pension Application of Arthur Wiggins S7952 NC
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State of North Carolina } Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Bertie County SS } February term 1833.

On this 13th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the said Court of pleas and quarter sessions of the County of Bertie, now sitting, Arthur Wiggins a resident of said County and State of North Carolina, aged 75 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under Captain Allen Ramsey in the year 1779 at Winton in Hertford County N.C. that he was drafted for six months service. He does not recollect the month in which he entered the said service. He marched with the said Capt Ramsey from Winton where he entered the service, to Charleston South Carolina, and was in the service of the United States at Charleston when that place was taken by the British [12 May 1780]. that he was there taken a prisoner by the British. At the time he was taken prisoner, he was in the Company commanded by Capt. Bailey who was taken prisoner with him. Capt. Ramsay with whom he went to Charleston, he thinks had left there, and he thinks this was the reason why he was placed under Capt. Bailey. He thinks Col. Matthews commanded the regiment in which he served at the time Charleston was taken but of this he is not certain. Samuel Deans, Thomas Minton, William Jernegan, Josiah Hedgepeth and many others he could name, served in the same company with him all of whom he believes are now dead, and he knows of no one now living who served in the company with him. Jethro Butler [pension application S41465] of Bertie County whom he then knew & yet knows, was then in the service of the United State at Charleston: the said Jethro Butler is now living in Bertie County and he thinks the said Butler can testify to this deponents service. When this deponent entered the service he was a resident of Bertie County, and he served the six months for which he was drafted some while a prisoner and was then discharged. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person except the before named Jethro Butler whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his said service.

The said Arthur Wiggins further states that after he had served the six months for which he was drafted and was discharged as before stated; that he enlisted in the service of the United States for 18 months under Capt. Bailey and served from the time of his enlistment until the end of the war. His memory does not enable him to state the time when he enlisted under Capt. Bailey nor the time when he was discharged. He thinks it was in the 10th regiment in which he served and that the regiment was commanded by Col. [Hardy] Murfree; but of this he is not certain as his memory fails him. He states that he had a Brother whose name was Matthew Wiggins now dead who was also in the said Service at Charleston. The said Arthur Wiggins thinks he the said Arthur was in the said service at and about Charleston for nearly two years. He is sure that he spent two or three winters there and that he was in the service all the time whilst there except when he was a prisoner as before stated. after the war he returned to Bertie County N.C. where he was born and where he now resides and has resided ever since the end of the war.

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.

Arthur hisXmark Wiggins

NOTE: The 1830 federal census for Bertie County lists Arthur Wiggins as a "Free Colored Person" 55 - 100 with a female in the same age range and a male and a female each 10 - 24.