

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Curtis S8269

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State of North Carolina Burke County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term A.D. 1832

On this the 23rd of October 1832 Jonathan Curtis aged eighty-five years appeared in open Court in the presence of the Justices of said Court and being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 in favor of Revolutionary Soldiers. States that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina in the year 1776 under Captain John Hardin and marched to Cross Creek under the command of Colonel Christopher Bateman marched from there to Hillsboro as one of the guard of a parcel of Tories – who were afterwards sent to Halifax and we were discharged by Captain Little. In the year 1777 I enlisted in the Town of Hillsboro North Carolina under Captain Benjamin Walker for the term of three years and marched to Augusta under Captain Walker commanded by General Elbert and was stationed on the frontiers of Georgia as a guard to protect the whites from the Indians. I was afterwards attached to a reconnoitering party commanded by Robert Farris [could be Albert Farris] & was taken prisoner at Smith's Ferry in South Carolina by a band of British & Tories commanded by Henry Sharpe – we were taken to Savannah & put on board of a prison ship for three months – when the Americans & French attacked the Savannah we were taken and placed in a strong house in the Town afterwards escaped and returned to Hillsboro North Carolina then joined the militia under Captain Thompson and Colonel Butler afterwards joined the main Army at the high rock Ford on haw River commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and marched to the ground where the battle of Guilford was fought & was in that battle (acting at that time as a Sergeant major) we then pursued the British to Deep River we returned into Guilford & their Captain Philips gave me a permit to return home which has since been destroyed by fire. I was in the service of the United States from the year 1776 until 1781 [1782? – last digit unclear and written through]. That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Frederick County Virginia in the year 1747.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer Have not

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I lived in the County of Burke then and ever since

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I enlisted

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

When I was in the expedition to Georgia General Elbert & Colonel Ray worthy commanders a part of the time (Albert was taken prisoner at Briar Creek) McIntosh was appointed the commander of his division – General Green commanded at the battle of Guilford in the year 1781. I was under the immediate command of Captain Thompson & Colonel Butler –

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I never received a regular discharge but received a permit from Captain Phillips in September 1781 to return home which has been destroyed.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

I am known to Reuben Walker, Mark Brittain, Aaron Brittain but do know of no person who can prove my services as a revolutionary soldier

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid 24th of October 1832

Test S/ J. Erwin, Clk

S/ Jonathan Curtis



[David Ferrell, a clergyman, and Mark Brittain gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]