

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Irwin S9356

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this the 24th of November in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court now sitting Thomas Irwin a resident of the County of Cabarrus State aforesaid, aged 74 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

Your Declarant states that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year '58 – And that he has no record of his age. That he lived in the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina when called into service, that he lived in the same County until the year 1813, when he removed into the County of Cabarrus where he is now living. I was drafted in one campaign, the rest of the Campaigns, your Declarant volunteered his services. The first Campaign in which your Declarant served, he was Drafted. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was the General of the Regiment to which he belonged. Richard Springs was the Captain of the company – the rest of the officers your Declarant cannot recollect – marched from Mecklenburg County to Rugeley's Creek in South Carolina. We fell in with General Gates [Horatio Gates] and his Army somewhere between the two places, the precise spot, your Declarant cannot remember – marched from Rugeley's Creek on towards Camden. We met the British Army near the Gum Swamp, about midnight. Some sharp shooting took place that night between the advanced guards of the two armies which ceased in a short time. The next morning the Battle took place between the British & American Armies which terminated in the total defeat of the American Army. Served with Continental Troops, but cannot recollect the names of any of the officers – has no documentary evidence by which he can establish the fact – I was in service two months. The second Campaign – volunteered his services – Sumpter [sic Thomas Sumter] was General, Wade Hampton was Colonel commandant – marched from Mecklenburg County North Carolina into the State of South Carolina – engaged in no Battle – with no Continental Troops – In service seven months. The next Campaign – volunteered – I served six weeks – marched from the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina in two Guilford County in the same State. The object of the Campaign was to disperse the Tories that were committing outrages in their section of the country.

Interrogatory 1st: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was Born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1758.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: My set down in a Family Bible which has been lost.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War

and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when called into service, and lived in this County until 1813, and then removed into Cabarrus County in the same State, where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I was drafted in the first campaign, & volunteered in the rest.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I am so old and frail in mind that I cannot recollect their names; The circumstances of my service are as detailed in the Body of my Declaration.

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

Answer: I never received a discharge.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: Reuben Hood, William Queary, William Smith & Herman Morris [or Marvis]

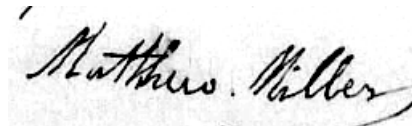
Your Declaration hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed day & year aforesaid.

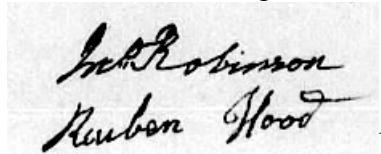
S/ Thos. Irwin

I Matthew Miller of the County [of] Mecklenburg & state of North Carolina do hereby certify that Thomas Irwin did the service set forth in the first Campaign in his declaration.

S/ Matthew Miller



[John Robinson, a clergyman, and Reuben Hood gave the standard supporting affidavit.

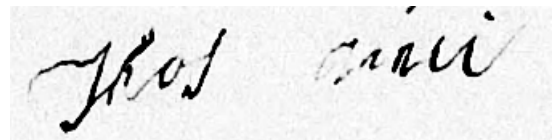


North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid, Thomas Irwin, who being duly sworn Deposeth & saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear to the periods he either entered or left the service, for he cannot recollect them. Your Deponent further swears that the reason why his Declaration was made in Mecklenburg County N. C. & not in Cabarrus County is that he is attesting witness lived in Mecklenburg County & that he was known among the old settlers of said County, for he lived in said County from his infancy until the year 1813.

Sworn & Subscribed to this second of December A.D. 1833 before me. S/ Thos Irwin

S/ Jas. H. Orr, JP



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months & 12 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]