

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Quillin S9461

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State of North Carolina, Stokes County: SS

On this 24th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me Charles Banner an Acting Justice of the peace in and for said County John Quillin aged Seventy Six years, who being first duly sworn according to Law at his own place of Residence in the County aforesaid doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832, first he states that from the infirmities of old age together with being periodically afflicted with convulsion fits that render him unable to attend at the County Courts in order to prefer [sic, proffer?] his declaration, and he further states that at certain times the loss of his memory is very much impaired partly from the fits: with old age & whereby it is impossible for him to remember the precise dates of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution, But as well as he can recollect, he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated (to wit) That he first entered the Service as a drafted private in Surry County North Carolina in Captain Henry Smith's Company of Militia Infantry and marched under Lieutenant William Meredith from Surry County Courthouse by Salem to Salisbury North Carolina, and their joined General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Army, he believes, where we remained sometime then marched to Charlotte, North Carolina from thence to Camden South Carolina then to Chester & several counties in said State, and near the Savannah River this applicant states that he hired a certain William Fields as a Substitute to serve the Balance of his Tour in order that he might return home to his wife who was in a delicate situation at that time, in this service he was drafted he believes for five months and served four months until he hired the Substitute aforesaid was hired in his place & he was discharged & returned home to Surry County North Carolina he cannot remember the Regular officers that he then saw & knew only Two of the Lewises, he thinks, William Lewis was Captain & Joel Lewis Lieutenant; he knows a man by the name of Jacob Helsepeck [?] that was in the same company with him that is now living towards the Dutch Settlements of Stokes County and thinks can testify as to his Services in the above Tour which was about the time the Battle of Bryer Creek [sic, Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] happened near the Savannah River.

The next Service he entered & served as a private volunteer there being a call for man to guard Governor Martin & the General Assembly of North Carolina then convened at Salem North Carolina, his Captain was one Duling & Lieutenant Charles Brown, in this Service we remained two weeks and the Assembly adjourned & he was discharged & returned home, he thinks he can prove this service by Larken Samuel of Stokes County North Carolina.

The next service this applicant entered as a private volunteer militia soldier to range the County of Surry to subdue the Tories; met at old Richmond, the Court house of said County, commanded by Captain William Bostick & Colonel Martin Armstrong; marched from thence crossing the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River] and then towards the Brushy Mountains in

search of Tories & some place not far from the Catawba River we met with Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Major Winston [Joseph Winston] & the troops that had the prisoners taken at the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]; Captain Humphreys & his company was part of the troops guarding said prisoners, when Captain Bostick & his company was ordered to joined the Guard and convey the prisoners to the old Moravian town in the then Surry County North Carolina & from thence to Guilford Court house where a new guard took place & this applicant was discharged after having served six weeks at least; this was in the year of the Battle of Kings Mountain & at the same time. He thinks a John Maib¹ can testify [as to] this service also a William Southern.

The next Service he entered was a volunteer private militia soldier under Captain William Bostick his Lieutenant he cannot remember, but that a Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] from Virginia near New River commanded. The object of this expedition was to route the disaffected persons or Tories, and marched from Surry Court house above mentioned down the Yadkin River sometimes one side & sometime the other to Abbot's Creek & Uarra River [sic, Uwharrie] & about the mountains of the same name in pursuit of a Tory Captain Spurgen but we failed to take him, but found & took a number of Guns from disaffected persons; in this service this applicant remained at least one month and was discharged by his Captain, and all his services aforesaid he only charges seven months though he is confident he served more for which he claims a pension. The last month he does not know of any person that he can prove it by – that he has no documentary evidence of his services and the Seven Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department the applicant answers them as follows (to wit) --

1st : that he was born in Cumberland County North Carolina

2nd : that he has no record of his age only traditionary that was in March 1757

3rd : That he lived in Surry County North Carolina when called into Service the first Tour he was drafted & all the others he was a volunteer that he has lived in the same neighborhood ever since the Revolution & lived at the same place at present (which from the division of Surry is now Stokes County).

4th : answered as above.

5: That from his being subject to fits & consequent loss of his Recollection, he cannot name all the officers or any more than he has named already or Regiments.

6: That he does not remember of receiving a written discharge and if he did he has lost it.

7th: he has no one present, but is acquainted with a number that will testify as to his character for veracity and belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution; there being no clergyman for a considerable distance from him renders it very inconvenient to procure one's certificate; he thinks that Larken Samuel & John Maib Senior are respectable man & will testify for him &c

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. Sworn & subscribed the day first above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ John Quillin, Q his mark

We Larken Samuel & James Maib & William Southern freeholders residing in the County of Stokes in North Carolina hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Quillin who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be 76 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed this 14th day of September 1832 before me.

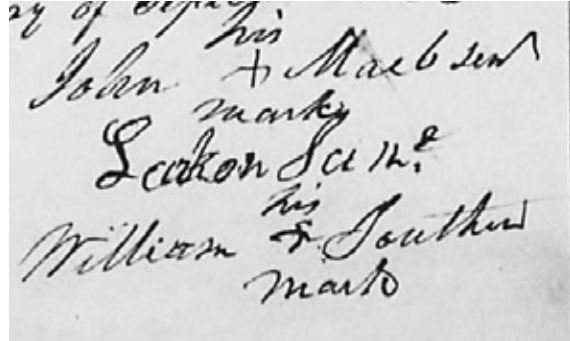
¹ [John Maabe \(Maib, Mabe, Maibe\) W4726](#)

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ John Maib, X his mark

S/ Larken Saml.

S/ William Southern, X his mark



Handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "John Maib Senr" with "his mark" written below it. The bottom signature reads "William Southern" with "his mark" written below it. There is some faint text at the top left of the image, possibly "24 of Sept".

State of North Carolina Stokes County: SS

On this 16th day of September 1833 personally appeared Jacob Helsepeck who is a man of Good honest Veracity before me Charles Banner a [Justice] of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and he being first sworn according to law to State what he may know of John Quillen [sic] Serving as a Soldier of the Revolution deposeseth & saith that he served as a Soldier with a certain Quillen a private from Surry County North Carolina in Captain Henry Smith's Company & marched through Salisbury & Charlotte North Carolina & to or near Savannah River in South Carolina where he said Quillen hired a man to serve for him a part of his time this Tour was for five months & he thinks said Quillen served nearly the time out but don't remember exactly, but thinks he is the same man though does not remember his given name & that he knew of no other Quillen that served but the present applicant for a Pension. We live a considerable distance apart. Sworn & subscribed the day above written before me

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Jacob Helsepeck, X his mark

John Maib Senior & William Southern² who is also Credible old men being first sworn according to law Deposeeth & Saith that they knew & saw John Quillin serving as a private soldier Guarding the prisoners that were taken at the Battle of Kings Mountain from the Yadkin River to the old Moravian Town & then to Guilford Court house in North Carolina they do not know how long he served the said Guard was discharged at Guilford Courthouse aforesaid these deponents being part of the said Guard also. Sworn & Subscribed the date above mentioned before me

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ John Maib, Senr., X his mark

S/ Wm Southern, X his mark

Larken Samuel another Credible old man being Sworn according to Law, Deposeeth & saith that he served with John Quillen as private soldier's in time of the Revolutionary War about 15 days as a guard for the General Assembly at Salem in the then Surry County North Carolina when Governor Alexander Martin attended the Assembly & when the Assembly Adjourned they were discharged & returned to their homes &c. Sworn & subscribed the day above written before me

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Larken Sam¹.

² [William Southern S7575](#)

Larkin Saml.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 26 days in the North Carolina militia.]