

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William L. Queen S9462

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1824

Personally appeared in open Court (Being a Court of record) for the County of Rutherford aforesaid, William L. Queen aged 75 years formerly of Wilkes County State of Georgia but now a resident citizen of the County of Rutherford State of North Carolina, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Army of the Revolutionary War as follows "to wit" He enlisted & served under Captain James Buoy [sic, James Bowie or James Buie?] on the Ogeechee [River] above Savannah under Colonel Stewart, in the Georgia regulars on Continental establishment in the Army of the Revolution, in the year 1777 or thereabouts, that he served the first year under Captain John Stewart Junior, the rest under Captain John Dooly, then under Captain James McFarland. That General Elijah Clarke was his commander, that he was at the battle of Augusta when Colonel Grier [sic, Col. James Grierson]¹ was taken in the Fort (in which battle he was wounded) that he served in South Carolina under Downs when they fought & defeated Major Dunlap's [James Dunlap's] Corps. [Several words missing as a result of a fold in the paper] for 5 years but cannot say exactly which for his memory has failed him that he is very old & infirm. That as well as he now recollects he served on Continental Establishment all that time in the Revolutionary Army until Regularly & Honorably discharged by the proper officer but that he cannot now tell his name for he has forgotten it. That he now files this declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the provision of the acts of Congress passed for the relief of Invalid & Indigent persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War. In which service he was wounded & has become a cripple.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit

1 Cow & calf worth about

\$10

¹ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

1 Large Iron Pot	3.
1 Small Trunk	1.00
1 Small Dutch oven	0.75
Some old Delf Table Plates	0.62 ½
3 or 4 knives & forks	<u>0.37 ½</u>
	\$15.75

a Dubious claim to a Negro wench worth nothing

That I am Poor a cripple & obliged to walk with a crutch: have no family and lived with my son who is also poor. I was a farmer unable to work but cannot now do anything for a livelihood.

Sworn to in open Court this 14th of July 1824

S/ Wm L. Queen, X his mark

S/ Isaac Croton, Clerk

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: This day came before me J H Benton an acting Justice of the peace for said County Linsey Arnol [sic]² and made oath in due form of law that William L. Queen was a listed Soldier in the Continental Army first Regiment 3rd troop under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] and antony walton [Anthony Walton] [illegible word or symbol]³ was Captain and said Arnold further saith that he was in the engagement in Savannah said Queen is now a citizen of North Carolina Rutherford County. Sworn to and subscribed before [me] this 4th day of June 1825

S/ JH Benton, JP

S/ Linsey Arnold, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: This day came before me Jesse H. Benson justice of the Peace for the County of Rutherford County Hinson or Hensey Queen and made oath according to law, that William L. Queen was a listed soldier in the Continental Army in the first Regiment -- 3rd Troop of the Georgia line and Continental Establishment under the command of General Greene -- Anthony Walton Hughs Captain and that said William L. Queen was in the battle of Savannah the same man who is now living in Rutherford County North Carolina -- subscribed before me & sworn to this June 4 A.D. 1825 and that said Husy Queen is a man entitled to credit on oath

S/ J. H. Benton, JP

S/ Henson Queen, X his mark

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North Carolina State Macon County

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge now sitting William L. Queen a resident of Macon in the County of Macon and State of North Carolina aged 83 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I was born in the State of Virginia in the year 1749 the only record of my age which I can

² Sic, [Lindsey Arnold W3750](#)

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produce is a leaf torn out of a Bible which is now exhibited to the court. When I first entered the service I resided in the State of Georgia since the revolutionary war I have lived in Rutherford and Burke Counties North Carolina until nearly four years ago when I removed to Macon County where I now live. I served several different terms. The first term of my service was in the troops called Georgia Rangers. I cannot recollect precisely the year in which I entered this service but think it was about the year 1774. I served in this tour something like one year as a volunteer and was a resident of Wilkes County in the State of Georgia Elijah Clarke was our Colonel, ___ Smith was Major and George Duly [sic, George Dooly] Captain I was in some skirmishes but no battles in this tour. We were frequently driven into South Carolina. There were no regiments of regulars with us in this time we ranged from one Fort to another on the line of forts which then surrounded the frontier.

My second term of service was in the same year in which the battle of Augusta was fought. I was out in this service something like five months. We were compelled to retreat from Augusta⁴ and afterwards took it. I was in the battle Colonel Elijah Clarke commanded in this term and the same Major and Captain who commanded [undeciphered word] while we served in the forts as above specified. General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] commanded the regular Army. I do not remember any of the regular regiments. When we retreated from Augusta we marched through South Carolina to Saluda and on across the Blue Ridge. I was also under General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] several times but cannot recollect anything more than that we marched under him within sight of Charleston. The whole of my service amounts to something like three years but being old & frail I cannot specify any further than I have done. I have received several discharges but have lost them. I know of no person except my brother Samuel Queen who can testify as to my services in part. Reverend Humphrey Posey and James Buchanan can testify as to my character & the belief as to my services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William L. Queen, X his mark

[Humphrey Posey, a clergyman, and James Buchanan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
[p 5: The seven questions put to the veteran are listed]⁵

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North Carolina State County of Macon }

On this 10th day of October personally appeared in open court before the Judge now

⁴ Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

⁵ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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.

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

7th 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.

sitting Samuel Queen a resident of Macon in the County of Macon aged 73 years and being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he served in the revolutionary war with his brother William L. Queen who is now making application to the War department for a pension. When I was at the Siege of Savannah⁶ my brother was out in some service elsewhere and although we seldom served together I can testify that he was a very active and useful soldier in the revolution. I was present when he made the declaration herewith accompanied and have good reason to believe that it is correct & true. Sworn to the day & year aforesaid 10th of October
S/ S. McDowell, Clk

S/ Samuel Queen, X his mark⁷

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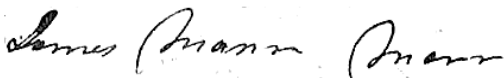
State of North Carolina Macon County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for said County William L. Queen who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following tours (to wit)

I entered into the service of the United States with the troops commonly called the Georgia Rangers. I was living in the State of Georgia in Wilkes County under the command of Elijah Clarke Colonel Smith Major & Dooly Captain I entered into the Army on the 28th day of February A.D. 1778. The day I recollect by the birth of one of my children. This tour I acted as a private for six months as a volunteer and was discharged by Colonel Clarke and I did not get home before I was taken prisoner by the Tories and remained in custody five days or longer & then I was retaken by the troops under the command of General Pickens and I then some time in the month of August in the year 1778 I was drafted for Eight months but did not serve it out in consequence of being taken a prisoner after I had served six months and was put into the jail at Ninety Six in South Carolina & part of the time I was in the guard house for all the time I was a prisoner was 72 days and then I was permitted by a British officer to go home & after getting home about two or three weeks I was again drafted for six months and my wagon & team of four horses pressed and the [sic, they were] never returned but were destroyed by the British or Tories while hauling provisions for the American Army & two of the horses was first rate worth one hundred dollars each & the other two was worth fifty dollars each and the wagon was worth ninety dollars but this tour was not performed by myself but I hired a substitute by the name of James Mann Marr [?]⁸ my substitute went into the service in the month of April or May in the year 1779 and served about five months of the time and I was taken prisoner & remained a prisoner a few days & run off and went home. Then I volunteered again in the month of February 1780 and went to Augusta and was in the Battle or Scrimmage there and from this time I remained in the Army until the close of the Revolutionary War or at least I was in the service at this tour two years at least and all of my services was performed as a private. The mistake in my Declaration of entering into the service in the year 1774 was occasioned by the Gentleman who drew that declaration by handing him a paper which had a memorandum of several events which was the way that I came by the times of entering into the service he wrote out a wrong date for

⁶ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

⁷ [Samuel Queen R8541](#)

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the date of entering the service which paper then was satisfactory that the error was in the draftsman instead of myself and the first years service specified in the declaration spoke of was not all as a volunteer but part as a drafted man & there was as I have stated a five weeks interval that I was not in the Army. I was discharged by Colonel Clark generally for I was nearly always under the command of the same officers. My services was all performed while serving in the State of Georgia & Wilkes County and they were not performed in any one state but were all performed in Georgia & South Carolina for I was frequently crossing the line sometimes I was under the command of General Lincoln principally in Georgia and some time in South Carolina & commanded by General Pickens. I do not know whether either of the towers [tours] was performed in either of the states certainly I was in several scrimmages under the command of General Lincoln & General Pickens and I am satisfied that I served not less than three years myself besides the time my substitute James Marr & besides the time that I was a prisoner in Ninety Six all my services was performed as private and for which services I claim a pension. This the 5th of February A.D. 1834.

S/ John Willson, JP

S William L. Queen, X his mark

[p 13: On September 21st 1858, in Habersham County Georgia, Joseph H. Queen of said County executed a power of attorney in which he states he is one of the heirs of William L. Queen who was his father and a pensioner as a revolutionary soldier. He signed with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 12 months service in the Georgia line under Colonel Clarke.]