

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Winkler W3061 Susannah (or Susan) Winkler f42NC
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State of Kentucky, Estill County } SS

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Samuel Tipton, Patterson B. Clark & John N. Moon Justices of the County Court in and for the County of Estill aforesaid, now Sitting, Henry Winkler a resident of said County of Estill 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 7, 1832 -- That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.--

That in the commencement of the Revolution he thinks in 1775 or 1776, he volunteered in the militia from Rowan County, North Carolina, & Served a tour of duty of nearly or quite three months -- David Smith was his Captain, Peter Hetrick [sic, Peter Hedrick] was Lieutenant, General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was commander we marched to a place called Cross Creek in N. C. for the purpose of subduing the Scotch -- or the Tories -- & through that part of the State were engaged during the campaign - He thinks it was same year or it might have been the year after, he is not positive but he went to Cross Creek in 1775. He went on a Campaign from Rowan County as a volunteer in the militia against the Cherokee Indians¹ - helped burn their homes & destroy their corn & Possessions -- was in Capt. Smith's Company, Colo. Lock [sic, Francis Locke] he thinks was Colonel - General Rutherford was Commander - was absent on this Tour before he returned about six months - He afterward volunteered in a company of horse commended by Capt Hedrick from Rowan County - Colonel Lofting [sic, probably William Lofton] Commanded. We followed some British Dragoons & Tories from the edge of Rowan County to a place called Mass Ferry [sic, Mask's Ferry]² on Pedee River, where we had an engagement & defeated them -- we took a good many Prisoners & a good many was killed & wounded -- he recollects a Brother of Colonel Lofton was killed there -he was an officer of [indecipherable word, looks like "mean" or "muse"]³ grade --- we marched back toward Salisbury where we met Genl Sumner's [Jethro Sumner's] army - a good many of the Tories who were taken, were hung there -- he was about one month on this tour -- he states further that he

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

² September 10, 1780: <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/masksfy.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_masks_ferry.html



was repeatedly out on short excursions, scouting parties against the Tories, sometimes a week & sometimes less - He thinks he was out in all a good deal more than a year in active service – was born in Easton Pennsylvania –went with this Father when very young to N. C. Has lived in this County or in the present bounds near 30 years He has no documentary evidence in his possession to prove his service nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure to establish them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Rolls of the agency of any State – Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Henry Winkler, X his mark

[Samuel Kelly, a clergyman, and Henry Beatty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Estill County } SS

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Estill County Court now sitting Henry Winkler a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration Supplementary to his declaration made in this Court on the 20th August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

He states that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service as a soldier of the Revolution, but according to the best of his recollection he served ^{as a private} as a volunteer, in the militia during the Revolutionary War not less than fourteen months and for such service he claims a pension –

He further states that he was born in Pennsylvania near a Town called East Town, County not recollected, and in March 1775 or 1776, that in his original declaration he has stated that he was 74 years of age, that since that declaration was drawn he has examined some of his father's old papers, from which he has become satisfied that he will be 77 or 78 years old in March next, At about two years ago he had in his possession a record of his age written in the German language, and that he never has been able to find any person that could read it, That the same is mislaid now so that he cannot find it – That he lived in Rowan County North Carolina when he was called into the Service, and continued to live there until he removed to Estill County Kentucky about 23 years ago where he has ever since and still resides – That from old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot now recollect any of the regular officers who were with the Troops where he served nor any material circumstance of his Service other than such as are given in his original declaration, That he received a discharge from Captain David Smith for his services against the Cherokees, which is lost – That Samuel Kelly a clergyman and Colonel Henry Beatty of Estill County have long known him and can and have testified concerning his character and the belief of his Services –

Subscribed & sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Winkler, X his mark

[p 5: On September 27, 1838 in Estill County Kentucky, Susannah Winkler, an aged woman, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Henry Winkler of said County, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him on the last day of June or the 1st day of July in the year 1778 in Roan [Rowan] County North Carolina; that she knows of no record of her marriage and that the only person living who was present at the marriage is Nancy

Coyle “and from her best recollection she⁴ is 78 years of age”; that her husband died July 1, 1836 and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 29: On October 27, 1838 in Estill County Kentucky Nancy Coyle, aged 81, gave testimony that she resided in Rowan County North Carolina; that she was present in said County at the wedding of Henry Winkler and Susanna his wife but she cannot remember the day or year but to the best of her recollection it was before the close of the war; that Winkler served several tours after his marriage against the Tories and one against the Indians. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 11: On July 22, 1839, William Winkler, 41, gave an affidavit in support of his mother’s claim for a widow’s pension in which he states: he, William, is the 8th child of Henry Winkler and his wife, Susannah; that his father was a pensioner of the US; that he died July 1, 1836; that at his father’s death, he had a family record of his children’s ages in a book called the young man’s companion but whose handwriting the record is in he does not know but he knows it is not his father’s since his father was illiterate; the book is now in the possession of Mrs. Frances Cook and he has taken the family record out of it and ‘makes it part of this his deposition.’

S/ William Winkler, X his mark]

[p 9: the family record but it is largely illegible—what little I think I can make out of it is as follows:

John Winkler was Born November the 7th [?] day of the year 17??

EliseBeth Winkler was [born?] September 13 day in the year 1782 [?]

Balance cannot be read at all]

[However, the War Department wrote a letter in which it is noted that the children were as follows:

John born November 7, 1780

Elizabeth born September 13, 1782

Lewis born April 10, 1785

Susanna born August 20, 1787

Henry born October 24, 1789]

[p 33: On May 30, 1843 in Estill County Kentucky, the widow, seeking to renew her pension, stated that she was then 84 years of age. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 36: On November 15, 1845 in Estill County Kentucky, in another application for the renewal of her pension, the widow stated that aged “upwards of 87 years.”

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private 14 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

⁴ Not clear from context whether reference is to Nancy Coyle or the widow but Nancy Coyle states in her deposition that she, Nancy, was 81 in October 1838