

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Liner¹ W3699 Anna Liner

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State of Tennessee County of McMinn: SS

On this 3rd day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said County, Christopher Liner a resident of said County and State, aged about 69 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, and served as herein stated.

He entered the service in the militia of the State of Virginia, as a drafted man, in Augusta County, in or about December 1780, or about three months before the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], for the term of three months, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Boyers or Bowyers, in the Company of Captain Thomas Rankin, Lieutenant Peter Blake, as well as he recollects. The troops marched from Rock Fish gap in Augusta through Albemarle to Fredericksburg, thence to Portsmouth, where they were mostly posted during their term of service. They acted as a kind of guard to repel marauding parties from the coast into the interior. In this service no battles occurred, but many small skirmishes happened in between our troops and the small parties of the enemy who ventured into the Country. They were marched back to Augusta and discharged.

He entered the service a second time for three months in 1781 as a drafted man in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Vance and was in the rifle service under Captain Patrick Buckhannon [Patrick Buchanan], Lieutenant not recollected. They marched from Rockfish Gap by Albemarle Court House, Richmond, Williamsburg to Yorktown, where Cornwallis was then besieged. The Corps to which declarant belonged was engaged as soon as they arrived in binding together many pieces of brush work, which were used in making breastworks by being laid along and covered with her. After this, declarant and others of the rifle Corps were employed in watching the bank of the River above Yorktown, and annoying all that made their appearance within reach of the rifle. After the surrender [October 19, 1781], declarant and his Corps were marched towards Winchester, but before they arrived at that place, he fell sick, and was permitted to go home.

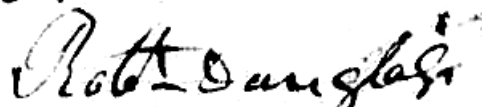
Declarant does not recollect whether he received a written discharge the last time or not, but if he did it is lost. Declarant states that the second year after the surrender of Cornwallis, he [moved] to Georgia, Wilkes County, and remained there about 7 years; thence he moved to

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Franklin County Georgia; thence to South Carolina where he lived about 4 years – returned again to Georgia Habersham County: thence to Tennessee

Robert Douglass makes oath that the above declarant was engaged as an apprentice with him learning the Hatters trade when he was drafted the first time as stated above that affiant was well acquainted with declarant before the first tour of service, and knows that he was drafted, and served a tour as he states above; that in the second tour, affiant himself was also engaged, in the wagon Department, but cannot specify the particulars of declarant's services as they were not immediately together, from the different kinds of service which they performed. He knows, however, that declarant did serve as he states above. Affiant knew all the officers mentioned in the above declaration and was particularly well acquainted with Rankin, who was his own Captain at home. When declarant was first drafted, affiant and he were going to school together, and the schoolmaster himself was drafted, and the school was broken up. Sworn to and subscribed, September 3rd 1832

S/ Robert Douglass



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 to and subscribed the 3rd day of September 1832

S/ Christopher Liner, X his mark

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Amendatory Declaration of Christopher Liner in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832
State of Tennessee County of McMinn: SS

That on this 8th day of November 1833 personally appeared before me Samuel Workman an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County of McMinn Christopher Liner aged 70 years a resident Citizen of Tennessee and County of McMinn who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendatory declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780 in the month of December as well as he recollects as a drafted Militia man in Augusta County Virginia for 3 months and served as set forth in his first declaration and under the officers therein named as a private and served 3 months and was discharged that he again entered the service of the United States in the year 1781 in Augusta County Virginia as a drafted Militia man for 3 months and served as set forth in his first declaration and under the officers therein named and served 3 months and was discharged. Served as a private. In answer to the 7 Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department after them being duly asked he states that he was born in Augusta County Virginia in the year 1763 in the month of September he has no record of his age only as his mother told him Lived when called into service in Augusta County Virginia since that time he moved to Wilkes County Georgia lived there about 7 years that he moved to Franklin County Georgia from there he moved to South Carolina lived there for 4 years from there he moved to Habersham County Georgia and from there he moved to McMinn County Tennessee where he now lives he was drafted when called into service he does not recollect any officers only the officers under which he served and their names are set forth in his first declaration together with some of the circumstances he states that he now recollects that he

received a written discharge for each tour signed by his Captain but has lost them he never received a commission he is acquainted with Colonel A. R. Turk, Samuel Workman Esquire, John L McCarty, George Colville Esquire, Colonel A. Edens, William T McCallie who lives in his neighborhood who can testify as to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of November 1833

S/ Samuel Workman, JP

S/ Christopher Liner, X his mark

[William Brittain and George Colville gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 16: On September 1, 1851 in Talladega County Alabama, Anna Liner, 73, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Christopher Liner, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him January 5, 1793; that her husband died August 3, 1836; that she was married to him in Franklin County Georgia by a Baptist minister named James Riley; that she has no family record of her marriage and can prove her marriage only by the testimony of an old lady named Margery Barnes. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 19: on April 25, 1855 in talent data County Alabama, the widow then again giving her age as 73 filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that her name prior to her marriage was Annie Stowers

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]