

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Fields W3971
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[State of North Carolina, Rockingham County]


This fifteenth day of January 1833 John Fields aged eighty years of Rockingham County North Carolina personally appeared before me Henry Baughn one of the acting justices for the County & State aforesaid and being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to a chain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832

That he was born the 2nd of April 1752 in Hanover County in the State of Virginia, That he removed to North Carolina in the year 1765 and became a citizen of what is now Rockingham County that was then a part of Rowan County, That he volunteered for the term of twelve months on the 20th of September 1775 at Spring Garden in said County & joined what was called the North Carolina regulars, that he acted as Sgt. in Capt. John Armstrong's company, the name of the Lieut. of the company was Joseph Tate, that the Regiment (which was the second Regiment) was commanded by Col. Alexander Martin, That he went on a southern tour in pursuit of Tories to Saluda River in South Carolina, from thence to Fayetteville in North Carolina to quail an insurrection of the Scotch, from thence to Charleston South Carolina, which place he reached the night after the battle of Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776], from thence to Salisbury North Carolina where he was discharged by the Col. of the Regiment which discharge is herewith transmitted in the words following (to wit) ["]John Fields of Captain Armstrong's Company is discharged the American service having served his time Alex Martin Col. 2nd Regiment Salisbury September 20 1776["] That he afterwards settled within three miles of Spring Garden where he has resided ever since. That he knows of no living witness by whom he could prove his service, He avers that from the infirmities of age he is unable to go to court & that he cannot procure the testimony of a clergyman as there is none living in the neighborhood, That his name is not on any pension roll That he has never before applied for a pension and that he hereby really wishes all other claim.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Baughn, JP

S/ John Fields



[Thomas Smith & James Garrett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

John Fields of Captains Smiths company is discharged
The American service, having served his time.
Attest my Sept. 20th 1776.
Alex. Martin Col.
2^d Reg. Ar.

[p 11: On November 28, 1853, in Rockingham County, NC, Richard H. Scales, 43, administer of the estate of Mary Fields, deceased, widow of John Fields, a Revolutionary War pensioner at the rate of \$60/annum; that she never applied for a pension as his widow because she had independent means; that she married him in Guilford County, NC on December 4, 1776; that her maiden name was Mary Gibson; that he died in Rockingham County, NC on September 1, 1835; that she died in said County October 24, 1844 leaving two children surviving her, viz.: John and Jeremiah Fields and that Jeremiah is the only child now surviving.]

[p 4 & 5 family record]

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She deceased 20th Augt 1821

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sgt. for one year in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow's heirs were allowed the pension due her as the widow of a revolutionary war veteran.]