

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Winburn Sumerlin (Summerlin) W4346 Milly fn36NC

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[fn p. 14]

State of North Carolina Wilkes County: October term 1832 Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid

Personally appeared in open Court now sitting Winburn Sumerlin a Resident in said State and County aforesaid aged seventy years or thereabout, who being 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 the 7th 1832.

This affiant went in the year 1780 from the County of Wilkes where he then resided to the County of Washington now the State of Tennessee to a Fort called Lowes fort on the Roaring Fork of Lick Creek waters of Nolichucky [River] where he enlisted under Captain Newman, John Severe [John Sevier] was Colonel, one Dunkin [Duncan] was Ensign or Sergeant this affiant states on oath to the best of his recollection that he enlisted sometime early in August 1781 and that he continued in service until the may following which was eight months during which time he was sent to guard Carters station about ten miles distant from Lows Station: he this deponent was sometimes out as a spy and sometimes scouting with others watching for the Indians against these forts it being the frontier settlement and this affiant further states that he has no Documentary Evidence to prove his Services although he received a discharge from his Captain dated in the month of may or June 1782 but said Discharge is long since lost as this affiant took but little care of it this affiant further states that he never was in any engagement with the Enemy although the Indians were frequently killing and stealing in the neighborhood. This affiant states that he has resided in the County aforesaid for about 50 years

S/ Winburn Sumerlin, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

This affiant 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 day and year aforesaid

S/ Winburn Sumerlin, X his mark

S/ R. Martin, C. W. C. C.

[Abijah Fairchild and Moses Watson [Walter, Walton, Waters???] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Where and in what year were you born

Answer. In the State of North Carolina in the County of Bertie 1762 as he believes

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

Ans. This affiant had the record of his age in South Carolina but he sold it last spring
quest: Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live. I now live in Wilkes County. I enlisted in Washington County, now Tennessee. Ever since my discharge I have lived in the County where I now live ever since in the same neighborhood.

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for home

I volunteered or enlisted as stated [in] my declaration

Did you ever receive a Discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

I received a discharge from my Captain but it is long since lost his name was Newman

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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Moses Waters Saw me in Service and told me that he was a soldier part for some this was at Lows Station Washington County

[fn p. 28: Smith Ferguson, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit dated July 24, 1833.]

[fn p. 7: On June 2, 1843 in Wilkes County North Carolina, Milley Sumerlin, 89, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Winburn Sumerlin, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolutionary war at the rate of \$26.66 per annum; that she married him on or about the month of February 1786; that he died April 24, 1842; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p 10: Milley Sumerlin testified in Wilkes County on November 2, 1843 that she now has in her possession the family record of the ages of her children.]

[fn p. 18: On June 2, 1843 in Wilkes County North Carolina, Susanna Fribell gave testimony that she is the 2nd child of Winburn and Milley Sumerlin; that she was born September 1, 1789 as appears in the family record.]

[fn p. 5: family record:

Record of the births of Wilbon Summerling and Milley Summerling's Children, All born in Wilkes County North Carolina

1st GRIFFIN, born October 11th 1787

2nd SUSANNA, born September 1st 1789

3rd MILEY, born May 16th 1790

4th LAZARUS, born Decmr. 26th 1792

5th HANNAH, born Decmr. 17th 1794

6th THOMAS DAVIS, born May 7th 1797

7th SARAH, born November 27th 1799

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Rufus Sumerlin Was bourn in march the 1th 1826

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]