

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Samuel Turner W4359

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State of North Carolina Burke County

On this 22nd day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting Samuel Turner a resident of said County about seventy years of age (has no record of his age & only can state from what he heard his parents say & from the age of his oldest child who is now in her 50th year) 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 & served as herein stated (viz.) he first turned out as a volunteer under Captain Jeremiah Dickson in Spartanburg District South Carolina to go against the Cherokee Indians & guard against the Tories he does not recollect the year nor will the state it but it was to the best of his recollection before the battle of the Cowpens a few months. We were marched down upon Tiger River where we joined Colonel John Thomas previous to joining Colonel Thomas he was in a small skirmish under Captain Dickson where at few guns were fired as they thought at Tories, but it was soon found out that it was a detachment of their own man, but fortunately no harm was done. After joining Colonel Thomas we were marched to Gowen's station on South Pacolet River where we remained for some months guarding the country against invasions of the Indians & the depredations of the Tories we were frequently sent out from the station on scouting parties to see & bring in information at this place I was discharged by Major Gowen he does not recollect the precise time he served during that tower [tour] but it was more than 3 & less than 6 months -- shortly after this there was a draft. I would not be drafted but turned out a volunteer again for 3 months under Captain Anthony Coulter & was immediately marched out to Seneca River & placed under the command of General Pickens. He marched us against the Cherokees and we had one battle or skirmish where we killed 5 the Indians & one white man. We suffered greatly in this expedition with cold & hunger. We were marched back to Long Cane River & were dismissed by General Pickens but no written discharges were given & we returned home. I afterwards volunteered as a minute man under my old Captain (Jeremiah Dickson) but was never called into service of any great length or to go any distance from home till the close of the War. My 2 tours of duty kept me in service about 8 months. The other service was only a few days & weeks at a time which I cannot sum up. This is as far as my recollection serves me at present. 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 or of any state whatsoever.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ J. Erwin, Clk

S/ Samuel Turner

Burke County North Carolina April 16th 1834

Samuel Turner and further explanation swears that the foregoing statement is correct as far as he recollects. To be precise as to the time that he was in actual service he prefers being under than over, & will swear positively that he served in the first Tour, set forth in his Declaration at the least 4 months & in the last he served just 3 months. He is confident that his whole service was over 7 months but will place it at that time because he knows it to be under & therefore swears to it confidently.

He also those since an affidavit which was made in Spartanburg District South Carolina I an old soldier with whom he served (one Solomon Forest) who proves his services. There needs and explanation which is very easy -- He swears that the time I served was "about 2 years" -- He no doubt intends to include the time I served as a minute man under Captain Dickson Colonel John Thomas and Colonel Collins. I was a long time a volunteer minute man & frequently called out upon a long arms of danger, but was never out at any one time long enough to make it worth charging for as I do not think I was out at any one time as much as one month & frequently not more than a week. I only apply for the 2 tours which I was 4 months in actual service as before stated.

The reason why I have not returned these papers sooner is because they have been in the possession of Samuel Carson for several months & I was still expecting to be able to ride to his residence to get him to do the writing but I am a crippled and it is with great difficulty that I can ride and this is the first day that I have been able owing to my circumstances to get to his house. The reason why no clergyman has certified was because there was none at court when I was first sworn in due me or whom I knew -- I lived upwards of 20 miles from the Court house & had no neighbor present who knew me any better than Mr. S. P. Carson & I expected him to certify to my credibility. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 16th day of April 1834

Test: S/ J. D. Bradshaw, JP

S/ Samuel Turner

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South Carolina Spartanburg District: Personally came Solomon Forest before me and made oath that he was with Samuel Turner in the old Revolution War he turned out volunteer under Captain Jeremiah Dickson annexed, he turned out under Captain Anthony Coulter, the next officer he served under was Captain Dennis Trammel, then he served under Lieutenant Colonel John Collins, then he served under General Pickens, in all the time the said Samuel Turner served in the old war was about 2 years.

Sworn and subscribed to the 18th of August 1833

S/ Henry Turner, JQ

S/ Solomon Forest, X his mark

[facts in file: the veteran died October 24, 1846 in McDowell County North Carolina; the veteran married October 10, 1825, in Burke County North Carolina, Fanny Lackey; the veteran and widow Fanny Turner, was allowed her pension under application dated Me for, 1853 at which time she stated she was 63 years old and living in McDowell County, North Carolina; the widow died January 31, 1865 in McDowell County North Carolina the following children were living in 1866, Wilson Turner, then a resident of McDowell County North Carolina, Susan Turner, Richard Turner, Mary or Polly Turner, James Turner, William Turner, Jane Turner and Priscilla Fortus.]