

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Silverthorn W4802

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State of North Carolina Hyde County: SS

On this 28th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the said County now sitting, Robert Silverthorn a resident of the County of Hyde and State of North Carolina, aged sixty-nine 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, namely, that he was drafted in Hyde County North Carolina & marched thence to Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina, the place of rendezvous and there he was placed under the command of Lieutenant James Campaign a regular officer & under him he marched thence to headquarters which was at the River Ashley in South Carolina about 10 or 12 miles from Charleston at a bridge called Bacon's bridge, where he was under the command of Colonel __ McRee, Adjutant Ives Captain __ Millar and his General was Nathanael Greene. That he entered the service on the 4th day of March A.D. 1780 or 1781, and he left the service on or about the first day of January following. He was in no engagement. That he resided in the County of Hyde when he was drafted and entered the service, passed from said County to Kingston Lenoir County, North Carolina, thence to said bridge on the Ashley River in South Carolina thence lower down the River to a place called Ashley's ferry; that he was there detached and sent on board a one gun galley mounting one eighteen pounder and two swivels that late in Gum bee River, she passed thence to a sound called St. Helena sound, and she was there to prevent provisions being sent to Charleston where the British forces were. That he remained in said Galley until the news of peace arrived, and then returned to Ashley's ferry on the Ashley River, from which place he was sent to Wilmington North Carolina & there marched; and not having served 12 months he was furloughed with an understanding that he was to rejoin the Army in case he was called on, but was not thereafter called on. That he served under the before named officers who were regular officers, he never served under militia officers, that he served with 12 months men, 5 years man and during the war men. That the only discharge he obtained was the said furlough which he received from Captain Millar and that he has lost the same. That there is no one now alive & known to him by whom he can prove his service.

The court then put to the said Robert the following Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

To which he answered, in A.D. 1763 January first in the County of Hyde & State of North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

To which he answered, no

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

To which he answered, that he lived & does live in the County of Hyde & State aforesaid.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

To which he answered, That he was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

To which he answered, that he does not remember the names of any of the officers but such as he has named, there were many others but he does not remember their names, and he has stated the general circumstances of his service heretofore.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

To which he answered, that he received no discharge except said furlough before mentioned & he thinks it was signed by his Captain, and he has lost it.

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

To this he named Richard M G Moore and Thomas Winfield who being sworn deposed and said as herein follows –

The said Robert 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Riley Murray, Clk

S/ Robert Silverthorn, X his mark

[Richard M G Moore and Thomas Winfield gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: On May 6, 1841, in Pitt County North Carolina, Ann Silverthorn, 72, a resident of Greenville in Pitt County North Carolina made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Silverthorn; that she married him September 16, 1787 in Hyde County North Carolina; that she has applied to the clerk of Hyde County and he could not find any record evidence of her marriage; that her husband died February 12, 1835; and that she has remained a widow ever since.]

[fn p. 14: Jordan Silverthorn testified in Hyde County North Carolina that he is the son of Robert Silverthorn and his widow Anny Silverthorn; that he has in his possession his fathers family Bible which contains the following record: Robert Silverthorn was born January 22 1763, Anny Silverthorn was born January 15th, 1767 – Robert & Ann his wife was married the 16 of September in the year of our Lord and Savior 1787 – Sally Betsey Silverthorne the daughter of Robert Silverthorne and Ann his wife was born in March 22nd 1799; John Silverthorn the son of Robert Silverthorn and Ann his wife was born the 9th of March 1801; Peggy [sic] Silverthorn the

daughter of Robert Silverthorn and Ann his wife was born February the 9th 1804; Equilly Silverthorn the daughter of Robert Silverthorn and Ann his wife was born March first 1806; Jordon Silverthorne the son of Robert Silverthorne and Ann his wife was born June 25th, 1808. His affidavit is dated January 29, 1842.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.86 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months & 26 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]