

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cavin W4916

Jane Cavin

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State of North Carolina Iredell County} Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

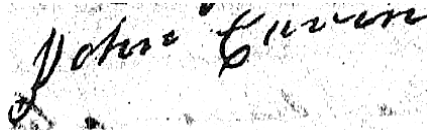
August Session 1832

On this 25 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting John Cavin a resident of the County of Iredell and State of North Carolina aged seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1776 or 1777, he was enrolled in Captain Gilbreath Falls Company of militia and was employed in small scouting parties engaged in scouring the country for Tories and was employed in that way for a considerable time but is uncertain how long. That in the year 1780 he was drafted to go to Charleston in South Carolina, that about the 1st of March he joined the Corps under the command of Captain Enochs [Enoch Enochs], Major Harris [perhaps Major Benjamin Harris of Rowan County] and Colonel Harrington [Henry William Harrington] that he was marched through South Carolina by way of Camden to Charleston and joined the Army under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] Commander in chief, General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] commanded the Militia. He was there several weeks, during the Siege there and was there at the time of the surrender on the 12th day of May 1780 and was taken prisoner by the British. That shortly after he was paroled and returned home about the last of June having been out about four months. He remained under parole about 18 months and was then exchanged and enrolled in the same company under Captain Davidson. He honestly and conscientiously believes that he was in actual service for twelve months and upwards. That he has no documentary evidence except a small piece of the parole. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services (except those subjoined) that he was born in Rowan County now Iredell County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1761, and has a record of his age in a book now in his possession, that he was living in Iredell County then Rowan at the time he went into service and resides still in the same County of Iredell, that he was called into service in the manner above stated and served under the regular Officers named above that he never received any written discharge, that he refers to Samuel Cavin and William Falls to prove the opinions of his neighborhood respecting his Services. 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 or agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.
S/ A. Simonton, Clk

S/ John Cavin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Cavin", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[William Falls and Samuel Cavin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Iredell County

This day came John Cavin before me the Subscribing Justice of the peace in and for said County and made the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below.

His first service was performed in Captain Gilbreath Falls Company under Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] in General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] division. He was a volunteer. The nature of their engagement was that they were to hold themselves in readiness to go into actual service whenever required: that in consequence of this engagement he was frequently called into Service in the year 1777, 1778 in 1779, once they were marched in pursuit of Tories into Rutherford County a distance of 50 miles, that five or six times he was a similar service in what is now Lincoln County, a distance of from 20 to 50 miles, one tour was performed in pursuit of Bryan [Tory Colonel Samuel Bryan] in the upper part of Rowan crossing the Yadkin [River] and pursuing as far as Guilford County, a distance of 50 or 60 miles. That those several tours except the last were performed in the horse, and the last tour in the foot, which was for two weeks; the whole of these tours he verily believes were not less in actual service than six months.

The last tour is set forth in his declaration and amounts to four months. Besides these tours during the time of his parole in the year 1780 he was a volunteer to guard the Catawba at Sherrill's Ford and was there & there about employed not less than one month and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 17th day of May 1833
S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ John Cavin

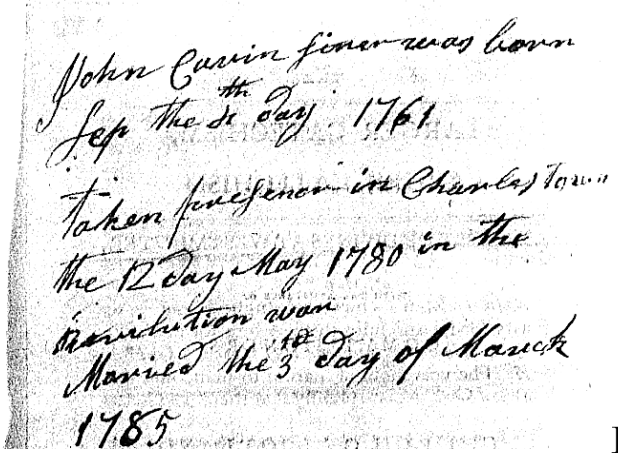
[p 15: On November 22, 1843 in Iredell County North Carolina, Jane Cavin, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Cavin, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$37.43 per annum for his services in the revolution; that her husband departed this life August 15, 1839; that she married him March 3, 1785 which is recorded in a book of Confession of faith. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: copy of the marriage bond issued to John Cavin and William Young to secure the marriage of John Cavin to Jean Young [sic] issued in Rowan County on __ day of __ 1785.]

[p 19: family record]

"John Cavin Siner was born Sep the 4th day 1761

taken prisoner [prisoner] in Charlestown the 12 day May 1780 in the Revolution war Married the 3rd day of March 1785"



John Cavin former was born
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Comptroller's Office

I William F Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do Certify that the name of John Cavin appears of record in this Office as having had the following Special Certificates issued in his favor for Military Service (viz.) One for six pounds nineteen shillings and 4 pence (£6.19.4) as will appear in Book AM No. 15 page 11, and another for Thirty-one Pounds Six Shillings and 4 pence (£31.6.4) See same Book page 37. Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of August A.D. 1845

S/ Wm F. Collins, Comptroller

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.43 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]