

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Creel W534 Frances Creel VA
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State of Virginia

Culpeper County S.S.

On this 13th day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Culpeper County now sitting John Creel a resident of the said County and State aforesaid aged seventy one 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, and served as herein stated.

That he was first drafted for a tour of Militia duty in Culpeper County Virginia, where he was born, raised and has ever continued to live; in the Company of Capt Henry Towles of said County, who had the command of a company of drafts, that he rendezvoued at Culpeper Court House and was marched to the Mabin hills below Richmond Virginia [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] and was stationed there during the tour for which he was drafted whether for two or three months he cannot possitively declare as his recollection does not serve him as to the precise time – but thinks that the time was two months, Genl Edward Stevens of the County of Culpeper was commander, Genl Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] was also there. Major Welsh [probably Nathaniel Welch] was commander of the Battallion or Regiment in which he belonged, if there was a colonel to the Regiment his name he does not now recollect. The time of his being drafted in this tour he cannot precisely recollect either as to the month or year. was very young in his sixteenth year. he received a discharge signed by General Stevens which he has lost. That he was drafted again for a tour of duty in the Militia in the Company commanded by Capt Joseph Weaver in the County of Culpeper the precise time of this draft he does not recollect, and was marched to the albemarle Barracks and joined the Regiment command by Col Earley of the Militia and was stationed there as a guard to the British prisoners [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 to Feb 1781], then at the Barracks for and during three months the term for which he was drafted and received his discharge from Col Earley after his term of service had expired, which discharge he has also lost. That he was again drafted into the Militia Service on the 16 day of July 1781 in the Company commanded by Capt. Ambrose Bohannon of the County of Culpeper rendesvoued at Culpeper Courthouse was marched from thence to the Malven Hill, below Richmond Virginia, and remained there a short time and was then in active service retreating from and in pursuit of Cornwallis during the remainder of this tour which was for three months, was discharged at a place called the drinking Springs near York Town in the fall of 1781 the very day General Washington arrived from the North [at Williamsburg 14 Sep; at Yorktown by 28 Sep], at that place he received a discharge from Genl Edward Stevens, which he as also lost. The length of time for which he rendered service during the Revolutionary War is at least eight months and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service in the two first tours which he rendered That the last tour he can prove his service by Littleton Taylor of the County of Madison, who was the ensign to his Company, who is an old & infirm man and is unable to go to Court. He has no documentary evidence to prove his service. 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.

John hisXmark Creel

NOTE: On 20 April 1853 Frances Creel, 80, applied for a pension stating that she married John Creel on 31 Dec 1812, and he died on 28 Oct 1846. Augustine Hawkins, 50, stated that he had known John Creel and the former Frances Kilby all his life and had lived within sight of them for a good while.