

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Malachi Halsey S2598

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State of North Carolina Chowan County} SS: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 17th day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Chowan Court now sitting, Malachi Halsey a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy three 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 & served as herein stated – viz.. That he was drafted in the year 1777 or 1778 by Captain Thomas Hunter and proceeded on his march from the County of Chowan to the village of Kingston [Kinston] in this State, where our Captain James Roberts took charge of the company & John Walton of Chowan was its first Lieutenant. That under the command of these officers he joined the Southern division of the Army at headquarters then in Augusta, Georgia, the North Carolina militia being commanded by General Ashe [John Ashe] that he was attached to the first Regiment of North Carolina under the command of Colonel Solomon Perkins, Camden County North Carolina – that a short time after he joined the main Army General Ashe on a line of march to join General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was attacked by the enemy at Briar Creek, Georgia [March 3, 1779],¹ where we was discomforted and had to make our escape into South Carolina – that the Claimant served in this engagement under the officers above named; and it occurred on the __day of March in the year __. That one Col. John Pugh Williams, commanded a Regiment under General Ashe and acted bravely in this contest & narrowly escaped being taken by the enemy – that General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] commanded the Continental troops at the time. This Claimant served under General Ashe – that in going to Augusta from North Carolina, the Company to which Claimant was attached encamped two days near Charleston; that he was regularly discharged, and immediately returned home, after an absence in the service of his Country of more than six months.

This Claimant further states that about twelve months after his return from the Southern Campaign he was drafted by Captain William Skinner: that he joined at Edenton North Carolina the company of Captain Richard Howitt [Richard Hewett] of Tyrrell County North Carolina Joseph Whedbee [Joseph Whidby] of Edenton being first Lieutenant – where he proceeded to the North West River Bridge in Virginia, where he was attached to the Regiment of Col. James Blount under the command of General Gregory [Isaac Gregory] – he remained at this station for

¹ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

three months until he was regularly discharged – this Claimant has no documentary evidence to support the facts above stated.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Agency of the Pension Roll of any State.

Questions propounded to the applicant by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

[Answer] In the County of Chowan & on the 5th day of October 1759.

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

Ans: I have, but not supposing it would be required I left it at home.

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

Ans: In the County of Chowan, where I have continued to live ever since.

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

5th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I did, from one Major Pointer [probably John Poynter of Currituck County North Carolina] but sent it to Legislature of this State for the purpose of endeavoring to obtain a pension – since which time I have not seen it.

6th 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.

Ans: Col. Will. Bullock, Will: Walton, James Coffield & Thos. Cochran Esqr.

We Henry Halsey² & William Ford³ citizens of the County of Chowan do certify and depose that the said Malachi Halsey was drafted with us and did serve with the militia as above stated.

S/ Henry Halsey, X his mark

S/ William Ford, X his mark

Sworn to and acknowledged in open court the day above written

Test: Edwd Hoskins, Clk

The above Statements & declaration of Malachi Halsey was sworn to and his signature made in open Court the day & year above written.

Test: S/ Edmd Hoskins, Clk

S/ Malachi Halsey, X his mark

[Zachariah Evans & Thomas V. Hathaway, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Chowan County

The amended declaration of Malachi Halsey as taken before Joseph Manning one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Chowan.

Personally appeared before me Joseph Manning a Justice of the peace for the County of Chowan Malachi Halsey who being duly sworn on the Holy Gospels deposeth and saith, That he was drafted in the month of November 1778 to go to the South as previously stated – that he served in the southern Campaign 3 months and that from the time he was drafted until he marched home embraced a period of 5 months & that he was discharged by Major John Pointer. In the month of November 1780, he was drafted to go to Virginia as before stated, that he there

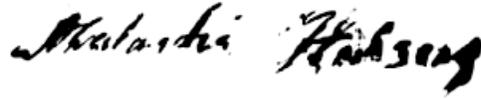
² [Henry Halsey S2597](#)

³ [William Ford S2558](#)

served 3 months & was discharged by Lieutenant Joseph Whidbee – This affiant further states that both these discharges were lost in the manner as before stated.

Test: S/ Joseph Manning

S/ Malachi Halsey

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Malachi Halsey". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Sworn to before me this 8th day of April A.D. 1833

S/ Joseph Manning, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]