

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Littlejohn S32380

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State of Indiana Jefferson County

On this 6th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County Indiana now sitting John Littlejohn a resident of the County, and State aforesaid 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 entered the service of the United States in the month of November in the year 1780, day of the month not known -- under Captain Mordecai Clark Colonel Caleb Fifer [Caleb Phifer] and General William Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. That he was Sergeant of the company. That he volunteered for three months and was furloughed on account of sickness, January 1781 while engaged in building the stockade around the jail at Salisbury North Carolina. Joseph Marberry was quarter-master-general and Isaac Shocky [?] Acting Captain -- Morris or Mordecai Korrey was Lieutenant of the company and from him the petitioner received his furlough. That he lived when he entered the service in Burke County North Carolina. His first place of rendezvous was at Six Mile Creek, Mecklenburg County North Carolina under General Davidson, was in no engagement.

He further declares, that sometime in the month of April 1781 while residing in Burke County North Carolina he was ordered out by Colonel Charles McDowel [sic, Charles McDowell], Colonel of that County, and marched to the upper fort so called, on Catawba River; where he entered under Captain Daniel Smith and Lieutenant Robert Brown. That he entered for six months, and after remaining during that time, was honorably discharged by Colonel Charles McDowell. That he threw his discharge away, not thinking it of any use.

That he again volunteered sometime in the latter part of the winter of 1781-2 as a mounted rifleman under the command of Major Joseph McDowel [sic, Joseph McDowell] (brother to the former Charles) and Captain Henry Highland to go on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians and was absent he supposes about 25 days and was in one skirmish with them on the Tennessee River. He still resided in Burke County.

That in the summer of 1782, he was engaged in a similar expedition against the Cherokees under Captain Henry Highland, and General Charles McDowell. That while on the

march, he was left behind on account of losing his horse, and was attached to the command of William McKinny who had charge of the cattle for the Army. Supposed that he was out about a month.

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 any State or if any only on that of the agency of the State of Indiana.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Littlejohn

[Joseph Oglesby and Gaml Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Jefferson County

Personally appeared before me the Undersigned a Justice of the peace within and for the County & State aforesaid, John Littlejohn who being first duly sworn deposes & says that he is now seventy-three years nine months old, that in consequence of loss of memory by reason of old age 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 and in the following grades: For six months, I served as a private under Captain Daniel Smith, called into service by Colonel Charles McDowell, marched from Burke County North Carolina to Upper Fort on Catawba River where I served six full months under Captain Smith, and at the end of that term of service received a discharge from Charles McDowell Colonel as aforesaid by whom the same was signed, not thinking that the same would serve me any beneficial purpose I threw it away, commenced above service in April 1781. For fifty days I served as a mounted rifleman in expeditions against the Cherokee Indians. The first expedition was commenced in the latter part of the winter of 1781-2 in which I was engaged in a small skirmish on Tennessee River, marched from Burke County to the Tennessee River a distance not recollected: The 2nd Expedition was commenced in the summer of 1782, lasted thirty days marched from said County to same place. For forty days served as a Sergeant under Captain Mordecai Clark Colonel Caleb Fifer and General Wm Davison commenced service in the latter part of November 1780 and served until the month of January 1781, and for some days in that month making that term of service full forty days, marched from Mecklenburg County Courthouse to a place called Hedgecock Creek on the North side of the Pedee River. This deponent states that the whole term of service is full nine months that besides the specific tours of service as above, he rendered other service not bury and computed, or taken into account, which he cannot distinctly state.

Said deponent further states that Joseph Oglesby and Gaml. Taylor whose certificate is appended to declaration of said deponent are both resident preaches of the Gospel in said County, respectable & in good standing in the church to which they belong.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service. That he was born in Orange County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1760 on the 29th day of November of said year. Resided in Orange County until I was 6 or 7 years of age then went to Burke County North Carolina, where I resided during my service in the war & until the year 1799, next year after I went to Rutherford County NC where I resided until 1805, thence came to the State of Kentucky, Scott County, where I resided until 1805, from whence in said year I came to the State of Indiana in the County of Jefferson in said State where I now reside & have since that time. Have no record of my age, though it from my recollection of it as seen by me in my father's record a long time ago. I have however a memorandum made by myself of my age. For the services aforesaid, this deponent

claims a pension –

S/ John Littlejohn

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of August 1834

S/ W. M. Taylor, JP

[Charles Woodward gave testimony that he has known John Littlejohn for 12 years; that John Littlejohn has been for many years previous to his acquaintance with him a preacher of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church and that "he has walked worthy of his vocation & of his office." Woodward states that he would give full faith and credit to the statements made by John Littlejohn.] Woodward also reaffirms that both Gaml. Taylor and Joseph Oglesby our preaches of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service in the revolution.]