

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Daniel Higdon W25769 Mary fn55NC
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State of Georgia, County of Muscogee

On this Fourth day of December 1839 personally appeared in open court to wit, the Honorable Inferior Court of said State & county now in session, Daniel Higdon, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged Eighty four years who first being 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service under the following name to officers & served as follows. He declares that he volunteered in the month of May or June in the year 1780 in Captain Joseph Johnson's Company or Corps for the term of six months to be best of his recollection; that he then resided in Chatham County North Carolina & shortly after this company, together with himself, was attached to the Army of General Gates at Ramsey's Mills on Deep River in the State of North Carolina from thence declarant states that they were marched from there to near Camden in South Carolina where they were met by the British in the month of August as he believes & a severe battle or engagement ensued in which declarant was personally engaged declarant avers that himself & the most of his company did not retreat with the majority of the militia but that he remained in the line & received repeated charges from the British & was near the General the Baron DeKalb when he fell that around the fallen General the battle raged for a few moments with a fury never before or since witnessed by declarant but believing all lost declarant with others fled back to North Carolina & for several months was under the command of Major Galston [probably William or Charles Goldston] in Captain James Maburn's [Mebane's?] Corps who was actively employed to check the depredations of the Tories declarant further states that in one of these excursions he was in a battle against them on Cane Creek near Lindley's Mill, Orange County as he believes in the State of North Carolina in which the Tories were defeated & their commander Hector O'Neill slain with several of his followers declarant further states that some were slain also on the side of the Whigs amongst whom was his messmate Billy Dillard.

Declarant further states that shortly after he volunteered under one Major or Colonel Williams he does not recollect what length of time nor does he believe that he belonged to any Captain's Corps but simply belonged to as it was called to Major Williams' Company & that during that service he was personally engaged in a battle against the British at King's Mountain in which the British were defeated & Col. Williams killed. After which Declarant states that he joined the army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at 96 in the State of South Carolina as a volunteer during

the war but whether he was considered by the head officers as being a regular or not declarant does not know but declarant served during some part of this time while in said army under a regular captain named Matthew Ramsey to the best of his recollection. Declarant further states that after the failure of the Army to subdue ninety six he retreated with them through North Carolina & into Virginia & participated in the battle fought there near Guildford Court house. Declarant further states that he returned to South Carolina with General Greene's Army & remained attached to it til near the close of the war in the Southern States., the precise time that he acted under the orders of General Greene Declarant does not know but is confident that it was more than 12 months & received a discharge which is now lost. Declarant further states that there are living witnesses now living as he believes by whom he can prove a portion of his services amongst whom is his first Captain to wit Joseph Johnson of Troupe County Georgia whose certificate is hereunto shown to the Court.

Questions by the court:

First. Where & in what year were you born?

Answer. I believe that I was born the first day of August 1775 in Chatham County North Carolina.

Second. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record now of my age now in my possession. There may be one in Chatham County North Carolina if my family Bible is yet in existence.

Third. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Answer. In Chatham County, North Carolina. I also lived there for some years after the war. I removed from thence to Georgia, Hancock County & have thence to Muscogee County Georgia where I now live.

Fourth. How were you called into the service: were you drafted: did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered to the best of my knowledge & belief & went with my brother in the same company who was drafted.

Fifth. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services.

Answer. I served for some time under Capt. Ramsey who I believe was a regular captain. I remember Captain Washington, & Captain or Colonel Lee who both commanded the horse under General Greene also General Ash [sic, John Ashe] & General Thomas Butler & I saw Col. Williams directly after his death at King's Mountain & I saw the Baron DeKalb fall near Camden. I was in the great battles to wit at Camden at King's Mountain & at Guilford Court house & several others of less importance

Sixth Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer. I received a discharge signed by Col. Roger Griffis or Griffith to the best of my remembrance but cannot positively say. I gave it to my Sister to keep years ago she removed to Kentucky & report says is dead I presume it is lost

Seventh State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your service as a Soldier of the Revolution

Answer. I name Jos Coleman Madison Dancee & Peter T. Brigg Esquire

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. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Daniel Higdon, X his mark

[M. Dancee, Peter T. Brigg, J. P. Coleman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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"State of Ga.

November 7th Day 1839

Troup [sic] C. D.

I Certify that Daniel Higdon Served in the Revolution in Behalf of the United States under my Command.

S/ Lieut. Joseph Johnson"¹

[facts in file: Veteran married Mary Bryant in April 1796 in Chatham County, NC;

Daniel and Mary had the following children named in the file:

Mahala, born about 1800, died prior to 1851 and at her death was the widow of a man named Blackwell

Letty, born June 22, 1803, married a Johnson, living in Muscogee County, Ga., in 1851

Rhoda, born May 15, 1805, wife of a Shoots in 1851

Veteran died in Columbus Muscogee County December 1, 1846]

¹ [Joseph Johnson S7093](#)