Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wingo R11716

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

On this the 29th day of December in the year of our Lord 1847 Personally appeared before me R. Bonden Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District of Spartanburg in the State aforesaid John Wingo a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged 86 years who 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 of the United States 1st enlisted as a regular Soldier under Captain Chafin [?], Amelia County Virginia after being mustered into service was discharged at Rowland Church by Captain Garrold. 2nd Tour under Captain Ford served near Norfolk Virginia thinks in the year 1777 or 8, three months, discharged by Captain Ford [Lewis Ford] at Petersburg. 3rd Tour as substitute for Thomas Pollard under Captain Hudson Lieutenant Dupe¹ Major Butler and General Green six months, marched through North Carolina Lieutenant Gills himself and others were out foraging in time of the Battle of Guilford pursued the British Army as far as Ramseys Mill on Deep River, was discharged at Hillsboro Orange County North Carolina does not recollect by whom. 4th Tour under Captain Anderson Major Long Colonel Marywether [Meriwether] under General Lafayette as a Militia man during which Tour he volunteered under Captain Scott and Colonel Goods Infantry and was defeated between Petersburg and Richmond Virginia I Tarltons [Banastre Tarleton's] Cavalry three months tour, does not recollect what became of his discharges nor does he recollect the precise dates of the above services, he knows of but one person who is at this time alive who can testify to his service in the war of the Revolution John Chapman Esquire who was not a Soldier but own business in the Army at Wilton Virginia. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 to and subscribed before me the day and date above written.

S/ John Wingo

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[John G Landrum, a clergyman, and John Chapman Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.] Quest Where and in what year were you born?

¹ The abstractor at the Dept. of the Interior in 1924 read this name as "Daffee (or Dapee)"

Ans. I was born in Amelia County Virginia in the year 1761 on October 2nd day.

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

Ans. I have it in possession.

3. Where were you living when called into service of the Revolutionary War?

Ans. Amelia County Virginia, remained there till the year 1793, then moved to Spartanburg District South Carolina where I now live.

4th. How were you called into service? Were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute? If a substitute for whom?

Ans. The answer to this question is set forth in my declaration

5th State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your service

Ans. The answers to the above questions are as well as I can recollect set forth in my Declaration.

6th. Did you ever Receive a discharge from the Service? And if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans. The answers to this inquiry is set forth in my declaration.

7th. 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. John Chapman Senior & Reverend JG Landrum

[fn p. 12: John Chapman Senior gave testimony in Spartanburg District South Carolina on December 29, 1847 that he saw John Wingo in the service in the revolutionary war at Wilton Virginia under the command of General Lafayette.

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

On this 25th day of January 1850 personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary now sitting John Wingo Senior of Spartanburg District State aforesaid aged 89 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 in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – he joined the Army in the State of Virginia at Cavins Point [Cabin Point?] under Captain Lewis Ford, Major De Cluman [Major Christian Charles De Klauman] Col. ____ and served 3 months and was discharged at Petersburg in 1780 –

He then went a tour of 6 months as a substitute for one Thomas Pollard under Captain Hutson, Major Butler & Colonel Lynch; Hutson died & was succeeded in command by Lieutenant Daffee or Dapee, Green & Morgan were the general officers – He entered the service at _____ near the North Carolina line and marched into North Carolina – his Regiment fault in the battle at Guilford during this tour, though he was not in the engagement himself – The Army pursued the enemy to Ramseys Mills on The River, where he was discharged – He then joined the Army near Richmond Virginia under Captain Anderson, Colonel Meriwether, General Lafayette – he marched to Williamsburg – from this point the Army retreated before Lord Cornwallis to the Mountains – He was at one time during this tour under the command of Captain Scott and was present when Tarlton defeated the Army under the Colonel Good or Goud – He served three months & was discharged at little York after the defeat of Lord Cornwallis – the precise dates he does not remember but he knows that his service was continued from the time he entered the Army until the time of the defeat of Lord Cornwallis, which service lasted twelve months. He knows of no person now alive who was with him regularly in any of the tours of his service – He has never before applied for a pension, because he did not believe the law was proper, but since nearly all of his fellow soldiers have received their pension & gave to their account his views have so far changed as to be nothing to receive the bounty offered him as a free gift, by his beloved Country –

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 to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ John Wingo

S/R. Bowdon, Judge

[John G Landrum, a clergyman, and Jesse Cleveland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 31: On January 25, 1850, John Chapman Senior gave yet another affidavit in support of the veteran's claim; in this document he states that he was born in Amelia County Virginia; that he lived there about 30 years; that he was raised with John Wingo the applicant for a pension; that he knew when Wingo first entered the Army in the service of his country; affiant was at that time about 20 years of age; affiant had a twin brother who served he thinks in the same Regiment with John Wingo under Captain Hutson but was not in the same company; that Wingo and his brother were in the same company and were messmates when they served in the Army under Captain Anderson.]

[fn p. 3: On November 15, 1852 in York District South Carolina, Mary High, filed a power of attorney in which she states she is the daughter of John Wingo "who is now mentally & physically unable to make a power of attorney on account of extreme old age."



[fn p. 19: on July 19, 1854 in Spartanburg District South Carolina John Chapman Senior gave another affidavit in which he states he is 92 years old and has known John Wingo from infancy since they were raised boys together; that he knows John Wingo served four tours of three months each in the service in his own name and one tour of three months as a substitute making in all fifteen months service that he is certain Wingo served; affiant remembers well that the veteran substituted the day after the battle at Guilford Courthouse; that he, affiant, was not in the service on account of having his shoulder and elbow put out of place but that he had three brothers who were in the service with John Wingo and he visited them often and saw Wingo in the service.] [fn p. 7: On April 6, 1857 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, Elias J. Wingo, administrator of John Wingo, deceased, filed a power of attorney. His relationship if any to the veteran is not stated.

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