

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Daniel Malsinger R7145

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Davidson County State of North Carolina

On this 6th day of June 1843 personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Daniel Malsinger a resident in Davidson County North Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he is 82 years & doth 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 and served under the following named officers as herein stated.

He states that in the month of October 1780 he was drafted and put under the command of Capt. James Billinsley [sic, Billingsley?], William Davis Lieut., Seabourn Tucker Ensign William Badenhamer & Jacob Wike sergeants. The company to which he belonged rendezvoused in Rowan County North Carolina (now Davidson County) where the claimant resided when he entered the service & where he has resided ever since the war of the revolution.

The company to which he was attached was employed in defending the lines and property of the Citizens of Rowan & the adjacent Counties against the depredations of the Tories who at that time were laying waste the Country & murdering its inhabitants. In January 1781 the claimant was wounded by the Tories and returned from the service. He received a discharge from Capt. Billinsley which he has lost.

Shortly after the battle of Guilford Court House to the best of his recollection in the latter part of March 1781 the claimant volunteered and again entered the service of the United States under the command of General Rutherford, Col. Smith and Capt. Lopp. They marched from Rowan County North Carolina down to Deep River through Guilford & Randolph Counties to the Junction of Deep River with the Haw River where they take the name of Cape Fear [River]. They continued down the Cape Fear through Moore & Cumberland Counties to Fayetteville. From there down said River to Wilmington near the mouth of the Cape Fear. Lord Cornwallis had left Wilmington for the State of Virginia a short time before their arrival. There was a detachment of Cornwallis Army in Wilmington with which they had a skirmish. From Wilmington they marched to Georgetown South Carolina meeting with the Army in that quarter they returned back through nearly the same tract of country to Rowan. He states to the best of his recollection they returned in October or November 1781 when he was discharged. He received a discharge which he has lost.

The claimant states that he was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1761. That he has no record of his age. He is acquainted in his neighborhood with Peter Cludfelter, Christian Harris, Alout Sisebaugh, George Lang & John Lang who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He also states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

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 and year aforesaid before

S/ John W. Lindsay, JP

S/ Daniel Malsinger, X his mark

[Eli G. Burton & Adam Wier gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Davidson County

On this 29th day of August 1843 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace in & for the County & State aforesaid Daniel Malsinger who being first duly sworn according to law deposes and saith the reason why he did not applied earlier for a pension is that he was until recently in independent circumstances & did not need the small pension due him: by reason of fortune he has lately been reduced to poverty & want & now needs the small amount which he is justly entitled to.

He states that there is no person known to him who can prove his services in the war of the revolution, that all his comrades are dead. He declares that by reason of old age & loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time he served; but swears unequivocally that he served in the North Carolina militia at the least 2 months in the first term & at least 6 in the 2nd term of service as set forth in his declaration & under the officers therein named.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above written before

S/ John W. Lindsay, JP

S/ Daniel Malsinger, X his mark