

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Linton S19727

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Duke's County: SS

On this 16th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before me George A. Hearn, Judge of the Court of Probate, now sitting, Joseph Linton a resident of Edgartown in the County of Duke's County and Commonwealth of Massachusetts aged sixty-nine 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 7, 1832.

That he was born in the State of North Carolina, in Dobbs County, in the Year of our Lord 1763, on the 6th day of January. The record of his birth, which was the Family Record, was burned in his house, which was also burned during his absence, on the 29th day of March A.D. 1784, he was living in Dobbs County aforesaid when he enlisted under Captain Samuel Caswell in the month of July A.D. 1780 (as he believes) as one of the Guard to a Magazine in Kinston on Neuse River, about forty miles from Newbern [sic, New Bern] for a term of eighteen months. That he served his time out faithfully, and then took a discharge from the said Captain Samuel Caswell, in the month of January A.D. 1782, which discharge was also burned in his house. Sometime in June, he thinks, of the same year he was discharged, he was drafted to serve a tour of three months, that his Captain's name was George Farragut, a Frenchman, that under him, the said Farragut, he was sent with eleven others to guard a wagon load of Ammunition to the Army at Trent Bridge. He was afterwards sent with the same wagon and guard to Halifax, and brought a load of Ammunition to the Magazine. That he spent the rest of his tour chiefly in helping to enclosed a place for the public's horses, and in taking care of them. After the expiration of the three months, he was disbanded by the forage master, whose name was John Tillory, when he went home.

In the month of May, A.D. 1786 he left home, and after residing transiently in New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island, that in the year 1799 he came to this Island of Martha's Vineyard in this County of Duke's County, and settled at Edgartown in said County, where he has remained to the present time. As regards the names of the regular officers, he cannot distinctly recollect them as he was stationed at the magazine, and a long time has passed since. He is known to Mr. James Beetle, Mr. Rufus David, Leavitt Thaxter, Esq., and Cornelius Merchant, Esq. 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.

S/ Joseph Linton

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid/

S/ George A. Hearn, Judge of Probate

[Cornelius Merchant and Leavitt Thaxter Esquires gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Duplin County

This day John Linton personally appeared before me and after being solemnly sworn on the Holy evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that in the time of the American Revolution war with Great Britain Joseph Linton then a citizen of Dobbs County and State of North Carolina did then and there rendered services as a Soldier in a regular Service under Captain Samuel Caswell for at least eighteen months or more and also he was at another time he was taken from home as a Militia Soldier and the deponent has every reason to believe done duty of a militia Soldier but the deponent was not with him in company when the service was performed but in the first instance the deponent was during the whole time with him at least twice in the week as he believes the deponent further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of August 1831.

S/ Gibson Sloan, JP

S/ John Linton

[There is a note dated June 30, 1910 in the file which indicates that the veteran died October 20, 1849 survived by 2 of his 4 children. The 2 surviving children are named Joseph and John Linton.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th 1831 for 21 months service in the revolution.]