

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Angling W696

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State of Tennessee Dickson County

On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of pleas and quarter sessions for the said County of Dickson holden for the first Monday in July in the year aforesaid in the town of Charlotte John Angling a resident of the State of Tennessee in said County of Dickson aged 78 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz. That he entered into the service under the command of Colonel Thomas Parmer or Farmer, having from great age and bodily affliction in some degree lost my memory, Captain Dudley Gatewood other officers not recollected. That he was drafted and entered into the service in the State of North Carolina as one of the North Carolina Militia in the latter part of October in the year 1781<sup>1</sup> he then residing in Caswell County North Carolina and continued in the service until about three weeks after the battle of Guilford, that upon entering into the service, which he done in the County of Caswell, he was marched to Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River and was present when General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] was killed, from thence being attached to General Green's [sic Nathanael Greene's] Army proceeded it as forager under the command of Captain Blackwell, and was in advance of the Army when the battle of Guilford commenced a short distance having served in all the first tour of five months. Some short time after his return from his first tour, he volunteered himself and entered the service of the United States in the County of Caswell where he still resided under the command of General Butler [John Butler] and Colonel Moore [William Moore], Captain Olham [sic, Oldham?] and Lieutenant Hensley is not sure but thinks he rendezvoused at Caswell Court House, however that might be, he was marched to the town of Fayetteville then known as Cross Creek and from thence to the town of Wilmington all in the State of North Carolina, does not recollect the place or places where he was discharged, has forgotten, says that he received written discharges at the expiration of each tour, the last tour was for the space of two months having served seven months in all, says that his discharges he has lost and does not know where they are, that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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.

[Certificate of veracity and belief in service given by John Davidson, clergyman, and John Spears]

Interrogatory the Court

1<sup>st</sup>: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: in Louisa County in the State of Virginia in the year 1757

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have none I have had a Bible given me by my father, but the record of my age is obliterated

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: In the County of Caswell State of North Carolina I lived when called into service, after the revolutionary war I lived in Laurens District State of South Carolina about 25 years & now live in the County of Dickson and State, having removed from South Carolina to Wilson County first then to Davidson County and last two or Dickson aforesaid

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?.

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1 From the events described, this veteran probably entered the war in October of 1780, not 1781, as the events he described participating in took place in the late winter and early spring of 1781.

Answer: I was first drafted and served five months and then volunteered and served two months  
[5<sup>th</sup> 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.]  
As to the fifth Interrogatory reference is made for answer to it to the body of my declaration above.  
6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has  
become of it?

Answer: I received two discharges but do not recollect from home, they are lost as before stated in my  
declaration.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can  
testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the  
Revolution.

To which I answer and say that said John Davidson, Clergyman and John Spears I would mention  
whose certificates are hereto taken.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 1834.

Test: S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

S/ John Angling, x his mark

[Veteran died in Dec. 1836; married Elizabeth in 1811; Elizabeth was 72 in 1853 when she applied for  
a widow's pension.]