

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Dawkins W6992  
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State of North Carolina, Richmond County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Term 1832

Personally appeared before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas & Order Sessions John Dawkins a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged 81 or 2 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that under Captain Speed and Medlock Colonel, he was with a Company of Mounted Militia who went in pursuit of the Indians and he thinks he was engaged in said pursuit three months and that after his return he served under Colonel Crawford three months in the capacity of a light horse man that at another time he was called out by General Harrington, who discharged him immediately after repairing to the place of rendezvous, that he was drafted out of Captain Speed's Company for a tour of three months to repair to Sullivan's Island, but that he employed a Substitute for that service whose name was John Long, that he believes he served other tours besides those specified above but owing to the impaired state of his memory from old age he is unable to name his Captains; that he regarded himself during the most of the War as a Minute Man or one who was ready and bound to appear in defense of his Country, whenever called upon to do so by the officer in command. --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. --

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

S/ John Dawkins, X his mark

North Carolina, Richmond County: John McAlister makes oath that he was acquainted with John Dawkins in the War of the Revolution that he saw him in service under Captain Dodd and that from his knowledge of the character of said Dawkins he believes that the utmost confidence may be reposed on any declaration he may make on oath.

Test: S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

S/ John McAlister

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: April Term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court John Dawkins who being duly sworn deposeseth & saith that old age and the loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the length of service but – that according to the best of his Recollection he served not less than the Periods mentioned and for such services he claims a pension, he has Endeavored to recollect the date of his Service, but being ignorant, old and illiterate he cannot recollect that – he was born he thinks in 1750 in the State of Virginia from which place he removed when an Infant to the County of Randolph North Carolina from which place he came to Richmond County where he has since & now lives & where he lived when called into Service – that he has no record of his Age, that he never received a discharge from the Service if he [did], he has lost it – that he has lately ascertained that he can prove the fact of his being in the service as a Whig by John McAlister who was with him and states the Period of his service to have been in and about 1780 he states that he is known to John McAlister, Walter Leak, Sr., William Crawford, M. D. Crawford & others who from reputation in the Settlement & some of them from their on knowledge have always considered him to be a Soldier of the Revolution.

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: I John McAlester of the County of Richmond & State of N. C. do certify that I was acquainted with John Dawkins in the revolutionary war, that I was with him in the service I think in the year 1780 in this County, and not particularly recollect that he went in company with me with some prisoners in 1780 or 1781, who were some Tories which we took and carried to Salisbury N. C.

In testimony of which I have sworn to & subscribed to the same.

S/ J. Macalister

[Walter Leak gave the standard affidavit as to veracity of the applicant.]

[facts in file: veteran died October 29, 1837 in Richmond County, NC; he married Susannah Barber in the latter part of 1797 in Richmond County, NC; she was allowed a widow's pension on her petition in April 18, 1853, while living in Richmond County, NC; she gave her age as 73 in that petition; in another petition filed in 1855 she gave her age as 70; there first child, a daughter, Jean was born November 30, 1798; a son, Asa, was 35 in 1853.; no other children are named in the file.]