

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Samuel Givens W743 Lucinda fn25NC
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[The following documents have been heavily edited for ease of reading]

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1832

On this 12th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court Before the Court now sitting Samuel Givens of the State and County aforesaid aged 70 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 the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein Stated he entered the Service in the year 1780 as a volunteer in the summer of the same year and served under Captain John Harris a tour of two months and in the fall of the same year he volunteered under Captain John Foster and served a tour of six weeks and then in the spring of 1781 he enlisted under Captain John Foster and joined Colonel Henry Haviston [sic, Henry Hampton] Regiment and then was Transferred to Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment under Captain Barnett. General Sumter Commanded and served a Tour of ten months and was discharged on the 13th of February 1782 as will appear from the discharge which is herein enclosed and served as near as he can recollect 13 months and two weeks and was in the Battle of the Eutaws [sic, Eutaw Springs] and traveled through South Carolina and into the State of Georgia he has no Record of his age But believes he was born in the year 1762 in the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina here he lived when he was called into service and has been there ever since the Revolutionary war 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 and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Givens

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

We William Howard¹ & Hugh Forbes² both of the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that we were with the applicant Samuel Givens and the 10 month Tour and he served as he states in his Declaration. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 13th November A.D. 1832.

S/ William Howard

S/ Hugh Forbes

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this 5th day of April 1834 personally appeared before me John M. Ingram one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the said County Samuel Givens a Resident of said County aged 71 or 72 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

He entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer 1st of September 1780 under Colonel Benjamin Lowery and served a Tour of two months part of the time under Captain B. Lowery of two or three weeks and the balance of the time under Captain John Harris in Mecklenburg and Started from Mcorpins [sic, McAlpine ?] Creek and marched to the Waxhaw Creek and was in the Scrimmage at Walkups Mills and then Retreated back as far as Salisbury N. C. there was stationed a few days (we were at this time under the command of Colonel Davey [sic, William Richardson Davie] under General Davidson) and then we marched Back as far as Rocky River and there we stopped a few days until news reached us that Cornwallis had left Charlotte then we marched through Charlotte on to Lancaster

1 FPA S7042

2 [Hugh Forbes S6853](#)

District S. C. and was discharged 1st of November 1780 by Captain John Harris and in December 1780 he volunteered under Captain John Foster and served a Tour of six weeks and went from Mecklenburg County NC to Richardson's Creek and Lynches Creek in South Carolina and our Lieutenant John Houston was killed in that Tour at Lynches Creek and then we Returned Back to Mecklenburg and was discharged in January 1781 by Captain Foster and on 13th of April 1781 he enlisted under Captain John Foster in Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment number not Recollected and afterwards transferred to Colonel Wade Harris [sic, Wade Hampton's?] Regiment General Sumter Commanded and served a Tour of Ten months under Captain Jacob Barnett and in that Tour, he went from Mecklenburg County NC through SC to the Congaree [River] and was stationed there for some time at a place called Brown's old fields and then marched to Orangeburg and was stationed there a while and from Orangeburg (But before we marched to Orangeburg we marched under Captain Barnett in Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment own down Santee River and fought at the Battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] on 8 September 1781) marched in to the State of Georgia and was stationed at Spirit Creek Mills a while and the Balance of the time we were in Georgia we was kept traveling about which was about two months and then we Returned Back to Orangeburg and there was discharged near Orangeburg in SC by a man whose name I cannot recollect on the 13th day of February 1782 and served in all 13 months and two weeks and has no documentary Evidence of his Service the remains of his discharge from the 10 months service which was sent in the original declaration which you examined and returned as so much [indecipherable word, looks like "defast" may have been intended to be "defaced"] as not to be properly understood is destroyed and he hereby Relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and Subscribed the 5th day of April 1834 Before me. S/ Samuel Givens

S/ John M. Ingram, JP

Where and in what year was you born

I was born in Mecklenburg County NC I think in the year 1762 I have no Record of my age I lived in Mecklenburg County when called into Service and have lived in the same place ever since and when I went into service I went in as a volunteer and enlisted I was discharged by Captain John Harris Captain John Foster and by a man whose name I cannot recollect.

That he Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ Samuel Givens

S/ John M. Ingram, JP

[Zachariah Sternes, a clergyman, and William Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: veteran died either April 15 or May 6, 1846; he married Lucinda Cook on May 18, 1836 in Mecklenburg County, NC; she filed for a widow's pension on July 7, 1853 while living in Waxhaw, Union County, NC and aged 57 years.]