Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Grant¹ R4198 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina, Onslow County: Court of Pleas & Carter Sessions May Term 1833

On this sixth day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Onslow County John Grant resident of the County & State aforesaid, 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 the 7th 1832 --

This applicant John Grant, went into service, as a militia man, in the year 1777 according to the best of his recollection. He was drafted. He was living in Currituck County North Carolina at that time - was born there - was drafted there - under the Command of Captain John Everington. There were 36 of us from our County Colonel Perkins - Solomon - Commanded the Regiment - John Pointer was a Major & Captain James Phillips. We marched to Edenton – stayed there two days marched through Kinston North Carolina & through Dobbs, Duplin & Bladen [Counties], on our way to Charleston, where we arrived. We were stationed at Charleston some time – can't remember exactly the time. We returned under the Command of Captain Cannon – to Currituck County. We had been drafted for five months – did not stay out the entire five months – came home to guard our own Coasts. As soon as we returned home (and all returned but three) 23 or four of us, together with about as many more from Camden, were put under guard at Powell's Point in Currituck, dividing nearly Albemarle & Currituck Sounds. On this service we stayed six weeks Captain Nathan Hall was our Captain. We were stationed on Powell's Point to protect property from the marauding parties of the enemy, there having been a considerable property destroyed by them. A vessel among other things being burned, belonging to Captain Hall. There was not wanting over a week's time to complete our five months service, if we take into account the time we were returning home from Charleston of our first tour. During our six weeks guard at Powell's Point about 24 went down to Currituck Inlet in pursuit of two tenders of the enemy, which were destroying cattle & plundering houses [could be "horses"]. They got off before we got there – but were in sight – we had to walk down & having no boats to pursue they escaped.

This applicant was in no fight & can swear positively to over six months service. Our last service, under Hall, was as volunteers

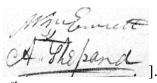
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity, except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any States.

S/ Jno Grant, X his mark

Test: S/ James Taylor

[William Ennett & A. Shepard gave the standard supporting affidavit. They also certified that there was no clergyman living in the applicant's neighborhood

¹ A special thanks to Audrey Viner for calling several errors to my attention. That kind of help is what will make the database all the more helpful and useful.



1st When and in what year were you born?

Ans: In 1775 [sic] September 22 – in Currituck County North Carolina.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have it home, in a Book --

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

Ans: I was living in Currituck when called into service lived there until 1800 & ever since in this County

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: was first drafted -- & volunteered the last time

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: recollects in South Carolina General Ashe General Bryan, Colonel Caswell & Colonel Perkins -- & Captains Phillips, Everington & Cannon & knows nothing of the name of the regiments – we did not all go into Charleston. This applicant did – only went into the city to buy articles I needed – our Camp was the longest time at a place called the ten mile house – we moved a little nearer afterwards.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I never received a discharge – our Colonel having died about one month after our return home

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Colonel Williams – William Ennett – Seth King, Benajah King

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above said. S/ Jno Grant, X his mark

Test: S/ James Taylor

I John Grant further certify under oath that there is no person living within my knowledge who can prove my being actually in service except one William Sikes living in Carteret County and this State.

Sworn to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jno Grant, X his mark

Test: S/ James Taylor