

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Higgs R4983

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State of Georgia County of Montgomery: On this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices thereof now sitting John Higgs a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-five, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: That he was drafted towards the close of the war, and served a Tour of three months under Captain Folk at North West Bridge in Virginia, that he cannot recollect the precise time when he entered service but knows it was between the middle & close of the war: and about the time that the first service was at an end that he was drafted on a nine months tour, and served by substitute in said nine months tour that he cannot remember the name of any other officers except the Captain as above stated & that he resided in Bartee [Bertie] County North Carolina at the time he was first called into service, that he marched only from Bartee County N. C. to North West Bridge aforesaid, that he was in no battle, but that he believes his substitute was in the battle fought at the bridge aforesaid, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service, except the affidavit enclosed within.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court to the applicant and the questions & answers are as follows

Ques: 1st Where & in what year were you born?

Anr. 1. I was born in Bartee County North Carolina about the year 1757

Ques. 2. Have you any record of your age? If so where is it?

Ansr. 2. I have none.

Ques. 3. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Ansr. 3. When called into service I was living in Bartee County in North Carolina, about 2 years after the close of the war I removed to Washington County Georgia, where I resided for many years. I have for the last perhaps 20 years resided in the County first aforesaid and in the adjoining County of Tattnall. I now live in the County first aforesaid where I have resided about 12 months.

Ques. 4. How were you called into service: were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Ansr. I was drafted –

Ques. 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served: Such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service –

Ansr. 5. It has been so very long since the time of my service in the revolutionary war, and moreover not expecting ever to be benefited by reason of said services, I have entirely forgotten the names of the regular officers – the other circumstances are stated above.

Ques. 6. Did you receive a discharge from the service, & if so by whom was it signed & what has become of it?

Ansr. 6. I received a discharge which was lodged amongst my fathers papers, & which I have good reasons to believe was burned by my brother-in-law Lewis Willford by whom said discharge was signed I have entirely forgotten, for it has been a long time ago.

Ques. 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior: your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ansr. 7. James G Conner, William Johnson, Wilson Conner, , Peter McGill, Malcom Peterson, any and all of them well no doubt testify as above.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first aforesaid S/ John Higgs, X his mark

[Wilson Conner, a Minister of the gospel, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Malcom Peterson also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 12: affidavit dated December 26, 1828, given in Jefferson County East Florida by Elizabeth Wilford in which she states that John Higgs of Tattnall County Georgia did serve a tour of duty in the revolution under Captain Folk at the North West bridge in Virginia.]