

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Erwin [Erwin] S1512

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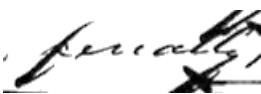
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State of Tennessee Giles County: August Sessions of the County Court of said County for the year 1832

On this the 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the said court now sitting, John Erwin a resident of said County & State aged about seventy 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.

Applicant volunteered & entered the American service in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina at the age of sixteen or seventeen years of the term of six months. He was in this service under the command of Captain Thomas Cowan in Colonel Locks [Francis Locke's] Regiment & General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade -- he was marched from said Rowan County into South Carolina to an establishment called the quarter-house in five miles of Charlestown in said last mentioned State, where they encamped for four weeks. Thence he was marched to Savannah River near the town of Savannah, from thence to Augusta in the State of Georgia In which latter place the British troops were then stationed But they evacuated that place within three or four days after the American forces reached that place & abandoned it & went back to Savannah where the British troops, then Kept their head quarters. He was then marched on to the mouth of Briar Creek in close pursuit of the enemy -- where they lay some days, and where finally [?]¹ surrounded by the enemy's troops & defeated [Battle of Briar Creek, marched 3, 1779] and at length reached said [?] applicant & the remainder of his associate troops reached General Rutherford's Army on the Savannah River Sometime afterwards they were discharged having completed said term of service Applicant was next drafted for a three months tour -- in this expedition he served under the command of Captain Dixon [probably Major Joseph Dickson] and Colonel Davy's [William Richard Davie's?] Regiment He was then marched in said State of North Carolina against the British troops, who were then encamped in Charlotte, a town, in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina -- near which applicant was in a skirmish Polk's Mills, which were then in the possession of the British troops -- He & the American soldiers, that were stationed in that quarter -- when the British Army in evacuated Charlotte town -- pursued them, 50 or 60 miles & on into South Carolina. The object of the

¹  partially?

American troops was to cut off their supplies as much as possible For some days they encamped near Lambs ford [Land's Ford?] on the Catawby [Catawba] River for the purpose of annoying the British Army and then returned into Mecklenburg County North Carolina, where applicant was discharged --

He was again drafted for a three months tour -- in which expedition he was led against the Tories on the Adkin River [Yadkin River] -- They had but one short engagement during this Campaign with United States Soldiers defeated the enemy who were Tories -- The American forces to which applicant was attached were then stationed in Salisbury where they remained until his term of service expired -- When he was discharged & returned home -- that having been out of the State of North Carolina during said term of service -- He does not remember any further particulars, that would be material to him -- He has no documentary, or written evidence of his services And knows of no person, by whom he can prove any of said services that is now living except John Haynes² of Giles County Tennessee who was with him during one of the three months tours above set forth -- & was in the service with applicant as a soldier at Charlotte town, North Carolina -- He has lost all the discharges, that he ever had -- He has resided 10 or 11 years in Giles County Tennessee -- 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Ervin



S/ German Lester, Clk

Interrogatories of the War department

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A: I was born in Roan [sic, Rowan] County North Carolina

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

Answer, I have no record of my age, as the Record of my age was lost when my father died

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

Answer: When I was called into service I was living in Rowan County North Carolina, part of the time since the War in the aforesaid County from thence I moved to South Carolina, Spartanburg County where I lived some time from thence I moved to Giles County State of Tennessee where I have lived ever since

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

Answer: I volunteered at the age of 17

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.

Answer: I was under the Command of General Rutherford a part of my time, and a part of my time under Locke in Captain Thomas Cowen's Company

² [John Haynes W27](#)

6th 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 a Discharge but have lost it.

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.

Answer: I am known to two William Kennedy, Paul Childs Esquire, John Young Senior, Thomas Young, Francis Beard & many others who can testify as to my character for veracity. [John Wilson, a clergyman and Paul Childs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Giles County: August Sessions of the County Court of said County for the year 1832

On this 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, John Haynes aged ~~about~~ 72 years & nine months, and after being duly sworn according to law made oath that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war -- & that he was well acquainted with John Erwin during the revolutionary war and that he was in the service of the United States with the said Erwin in said war he and the said Erwin served a three months tour, in said war and the same Company -- under the Command of Captain Joseph Dixon and in the Regiment of Colonel Davie that said Erwin rendered said service faithfully & was honorably discharged & also he understood about the time that said war was carrying on-- that the said Erwin was out in other military service during said war -- & that said Erwin now lives in Giles County Tennessee -- that he is about to make application at the present term of the County Court of said County to have [several indecipherable words] to send on to the war department for the purpose of procuring a pension under a late act of Congress.

S/ John Haynes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Haynes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Haynes".

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid
S/ German Lester, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina militia.]