## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Darnall S2515 NC
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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions

County of Stokes } Set. Term 1832

On this the 13th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court aforesaid, now sitting, Joseph Darnall,, a resident of Stokes county aforesaid and State of North Carolina aforesaid, aged about eighty-two 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. That he was born in the county of Fauquier in the State of Virginia in the year (as near as he can ascertain) of our Lord 1750. that he has no record of his age. that he entered the service in Surry county in the State of North Carolina, in June in the year 1780, that he then lived in the said County of Surry, has lived there ever since the revolutionary war, and still lives in Stokes county which at that time formed a part of Surry county aforesaid – that he served in the North Carolina Militia being drafted as aforesaid, in the company commanded by Capt. Absalom Bostick, under col. [Martin] Armstrong, & was placed under Gen. [Griffith] Rutherford – marched to Cheraw Hills S.C. where we joined the army under Gen. [Horatio] Gates: that he the said Joseph Darnall, was not immediately in the Battle where Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], being stationed with others at Mills [probably Rugeley's Mills]. that he was taken prisoner and detained for some considerable time. that he at length escaped from the custody of the British and tories, and (his first tour for which he was drafted being ended) he not long thereafter, but the time not known entered the service under Gen. [William Lee] Davidson, and having remained in said service for some time, got a discharge from the said Gen. Davidson and came home: that the said discharge he has long since lost, that he has no records or papers whereby he can prove his services; that he is well known to Christopher Eaton [pension application R3214], by whom he can prove one tour which he the said Joseph Darnall served in the N.C. militia that he is also well known to Hugh Boyles snr, and Solomon Spainhaur Esq. persons of his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and to their belief of his services. 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 any agency or State, that he is quite destitute of property and very much in need of assistance from his country for which he toiled and fought in the prime of youth.

Sworn to and submitted the day and year aforesaid. Joseph hisXmark Darnall

Christopher Eaton maketh oath that he knows the statement made by Joseph Darnall in the foregoing Declaration, retative to his serving a tour in the North-Carolina militia, to be true, for that he the said Christopher Eaton also served in the said tour, under the same officers. Sworn to and acknowledged in that is subscribed by his making his mark in open court the day and year aforesaid.

Christopher hisXmark Eaton

State of North Carolina }
Stokes County }

Be it known that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me Charles Banner a justice of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions in and for the said county of Stokes, Joseph Darnall, who has sworn to and subscribed to the foregoing Declaration, and made oath in due form of law, that from great age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the whole length of time he served the United States as a Revolutionary soldier, but that he served as a private soldier, under the officers mentioned in the declaration aforesaid in the year 1780, for six months

at the least, he thinks it was considerably more, but for the said six months he claims a pension, for services as a private militia man. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

Joseph hisXmark Darnall