Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Littleton S38142

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Declaration, in order to be placed on the Pension List, under the act of the 18th March 1818 On this the 7th day of May 1827, personally appeared in open Court, to wit the Inferior Court of said County sitting for Ordinary purposes, being constituted a Court of Record by the Laws of said state, William Littleton resident in said County aged sixty four or five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Littleton enlisted for the Term of eighteen months on or about the first day of July 1782, in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Elijah Moore first Captain Alexander Brevard Second and Captain Rhodes [Joseph T Rhodes] third, in the first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Lytle, under the command of Major General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment: That he Continued to serve in said corps until the first day of July 1783, when he was discharged from said service in Charleston in the State of South Carolina: That he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, because this applicant has hitherto thought himself able to support himself, by the sweat of his brow, without the assistance of his Country, and though that support has been indigent & meager, yet his sensibility would not permit him to make that appeal to, not only the Charity, but the Justice of his Country, which, from great age and infirmity, he is now compelled to make. –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed -- That since the 18th of March 1818 he drew a tract of land in Walton County containing two hundred and fifty acres which he sold to Henry Conner about five years since for two hundred

fifty dollars. That his occupation was that of a Shoe Maker and farmer when able to labour but that he is now unable to Support himself by either. That he has no family. –

S/Wm Littleton

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Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 7th May 1827

S/ Thomas Woolton, JIC

S/ John B. Linnard, JIC

S/ Lewis S. Brown, JIC

Schedule of property owned by William Littleton

On the 7th day of May 1727 his Clothing only excepted -- 3 or 4 old awls

Between \$190 & \$200 due from Henry Conner for Land

S/Wm Littleton

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Walton County} Personally appeared before me a Justice of the inferior Court in & for said County John Malcolm [sic] who being duly sworn saith that sometime during the present year he purchased of William Littleton of Wilkes County two hundred acres of land being a part Lot No. One Hundred & fifty nine in the Second District of Walton County & for which he gave his to notes to said Littleton for Seventy nine Dollars and Fifty Cents each.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of October 1827

S/ David Malcolm, J I C

S/ John Malcom [sic]

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Littleton a private in said line in Captain Brevard's Company of the tenth Regiment was enlisted in the year 1782 for the term of 18 months, nothing more is said of him on said rolls, it is therefore believed he served out the term for which he enlisted.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh this 22nd of June 1827 S/Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 12, 1827 for 18 months service in the North Carolina Continental line.]