Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Queen S5962 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia } Sct. Hampshire County }

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William Donaldson, John Ham[?], Samuel Cartmill & David Parsons Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Hampshire County now setting John Quen a resident of Hampshire County in the state of virginia aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn acording 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 and served as herein stated That he volunteered in the Militia for six months and served out the whole tour and something over. That he entered the service in Louden [sic: Loudoun] County Virginia in a company commaned by Capt Daniel Fegins [sic: Daniel Feagan] he does not recollect the regiment he was attached to That he marched to Richmond to draw guns and amunition &c. and then from thence to Petersburg and thence he marched to a place called Hanging Rock in South Carolina at Blufords defeat [sic: defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780]. But when in about a days march of that place he met the main Army commanded by Gen'l. Muhlenburg [see endnote]. That Gen'l. Green was his commanding General from Richmond to were he met Genl. Muhlingburg that then he returned as far as some old fields near Petersburg, where he was discharged by General Green that soon after his discharge he entered the service in Militia the second time in Loudon County in a company commanded by Capt. [Gustavus] Elgin, Charles Binns 1st lieutenant. that he marched South as far as Petersburg and remained[?] three months in serving this enlistment that he then entered the service a third time in Louden County aforesaid in a company commanded by Capt John Henry and attached to a regiment commanded by Colo [John] Alexander and Major Rude [probably Jacob Reed], from Louden County he marched to Richmond and from thence he took Shiping to Norfolk or Crany [sic: Craney] Island that he was there for some time and was engaged in several skirmishes with the enemy along and about the [James] River, that he was in the battle at a place he thinks they called Rocktown that he was at the taking of Gen'l. Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781] and that he aided in driving the enemy in that place. That he knew Gen'ls. Washington, [Anthony] Wayne, and Green.

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 other state

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Virginia to wit

At a Court held for Hampshire County the 24 day of June 1833 John Queen an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7 June 1832 came into Court and being first duly sworn to make true answers to such questions as should be asked, gave the answers hereafter written to each of the following questions propounded by the court

question 1st. Where and in what year were you born

answer. I was born in Loudon County Virginia in the year 1755 question 2^d Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it answer I have no record, I remember what my parents told me

question 3^d. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the

revolutionary war and where do you live now.

answer when called into service I lived in Loudon Count Virginia. since the revolution I have lived

in said county of Loudon & for the last 30 years in Hampshire County Virginia

question 4th. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you Volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

answer I always Volunteered

question 5th. 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

an's. I knew Gen'ls. Washington, Wayne & Greene. I belonged to the 14 Virginia regiment after getting to head-quarters. Commanded by Colo. [Charles] Dabney & Major Quarles.

question 6 State the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I have done so in my original declaration I was two years & nine months in service & upwards as follows the first Tour under Capt. Fegins for six months we were attached to no particular regiment this tour.

the second Tour under Capt. Elgin for three months attached to 14th. Va. Reg't. the 3^d. tour under Capt. John Henry Col. Alexander & Major Reed commanding the reg't. until we got to head quarters when they returned home joined the 14th regiment this service was for six months.

I then entered the service for six months again. after my return home at Leesburg Loudoun county Va. with Capt. John McGith [probably John McGeach] and marched to Richmond, Petersburg, Yorktown Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] & Crany Island and we served longer than our engagement. this is omitted in my original declaration by the youth who drew it, altho it was in this tour Cornwallis was taken which is mentioned in my original declaration. we guarded the prisoners up to Winchester & from to Frederick Town Md. I was at the battles of Rocktown & York Town

question 7. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it

Anr. I received discharges from each tour and honorable ones too, these discharges are lost or mislaid and as I can neither read nor write I cannot say whose name was subscribed to them but I think Genl. Greene signed one

question 8. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer John Arnold, John Stamp, C. Huskell, Jno. Copsy & [illegible] Davis

NOTE: Gen. Peter Muhlenburg remained in Virginia during the period when Queen claimed to have joined his command within a day's march of Buford's defeat. "Gen. Green" – apparently Gen. Nathanael Greene – did not arrive in the South until Dec 1780, and he did not serve in Virginia.