

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Christmas S8196

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State of North Carolina, Orange County: Court of pleas and quarter Sessions August Term A.D. 1833

On this the 31st day of August 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions, now sitting, James A. Craig, Sole executor, of the last will and testament of Richard Christmas (Deceased) and made oath, that Richard Christmas, his Testator, departed this life on the 18th day of March, last past, having previously made and published his last will and Testament, in writing, duly executed to pass his real and personal Estate, and thereby appointed this affiant his Sole Executor, And the said James A. Craig, Executor gave to the said Court satisfactory evidence that his Testator died without having any widow, child or Children, him surviving, or attorneys therefore – and That the last will and Testament of the said Christmas was duly proven in open Court at the last May Term, for the aforesaid County of Orange, and letters Testamentary granted to the said James A. Craig on the 30th day of May last past, and the Will aforesaid admitted to record.

This affiant having good reasons to believe and doth believe, that the said Richard Christmas of Orange aforesaid, now deceased, Served in the War of the Revolution as private, and as Captain, and in order to establish these facts the Said Executor hath procured, and presents with this Declaration, the Affidavits, formerly taken of Thomas Tate, Nicholas Nall (Captain) – James Turner, Samuel Allen, Charles Wood, William Cumming, David White and Reverend Ezekiel B. Curry & James Mebane Esq. which affidavits the Said Executor upon his Oath saith are true and genuine.

In addition to this evidence the Said Executor, produces in Court also, a memorandum law No. "A" of his three months tour, to the Defense of Charleston 1780, as true, as related to him, by the deceased, Some Four months before his death, which memorandum is annexed to the affidavit of said Executor made in open Court today. And the Said Executor in order more strongly to fortify the claim of the Said deceased, to a pension, produces also in Court, the Commission of the Said Christmas, as Captain of a Company of the Orange Regiment of militia, dated 25th of February 1780, and signed by the then Governor Richard Caswell – Marked "B."

This affiant, also, produces in Court the letter of John Butler (Brigadier General Militia of the Hillsboro District in said war dated 2nd day of June 1782) on the Subject of exchanging Captain James Osborne for Captain Richard Christmas, said Letter is marked "C."

Thomas Tate's Deposition duly Taken, was also read in Court as evidence. This first affiant, and his Deposition which is marked "D" proves that the Said Richard Christmas (now deceased) as private Served a tour with this affiant in Captain McDaniel's Company of Volunteers-- the said Tour commenced 1st day of May 1777, and ended at the expiration of Four weeks thereafter.

The Said affiant Tate, proves a Second Tour of Four weeks the Said Christmas aforesaid, as private Served with him, in Captain Jones's Company of Volunteers, commencing the 1st of April 1779 and continued till the 1st day of May following.

The affiant Tate, Further proves a third and last Tour, the said Richard Christmas, aforesaid, now deceased, Served with the affiant as private in Captain James Trousdale's Company of Volunteers,

Said Tour Commenced the 15th day of August 1779 and Continued to the 15th day of October following, being an eight weeks Tour. For a more minute or satisfactory detail of these Tours, See, Said affidavit marked “[illegible].”

And the Executor upon his Oath further Saith, that he knows of no person, living, besides the said Tate, by whom he can prove the deceased's Services in the three aforesaid Tours.

And this affiant, Executor as aforesaid, believes that the said Richard Christmas, aforesaid, now deceased, again entered the Service of the United States as Captain of a Company of Militia in 1780. In proof of which the Executor adduces to Court for evidence, the Commission of Said Richard Christmas, now deceased, Signed, and dated as before Stated.

The Executor hereof produces a memorandum, written by the Direction of the said Christmas, by this affiant, sometime before the Death of the Deceased whereby it appears that the said Richard Christmas, aforesaid, now deceased was Captain of a Company of Militia, which marched to the defense of Charleston S. C. in the latter part of the winter of 1780, and his brother Nat Christmas was Lieutenant in said Company, this memorandum sets forth that the Said Company, organized in the Town of Hillsboro in Orange, aforesaid, crossed Haw River, at Galbreath's Ferry, thence marched to Randolph old Court House, where they were Joined, by a Company of Chatham Militia, under command of Captain Cage, Nicholas Nall, Lieutenant, Commanding (after Cage left them) when in Mecklenburg County, where Joined by the Colonel of their Regiment, Colonel Hugh Tinnin [also spelled Tinnen, Tinnon, Tinnian and other variants].

When at Lamperie's point (Ferry) [sic, Lempriere Point] The troops to which said deceased had there Joined, were fired upon by certain British forces – and in the evening after the engagement (as the Deceased) was of the belief the whole of the Troops were called into Charleston, and in a short time after, the City was encompassed by the British forces, both by land and Sea. The Said memorandum sets forth that the City of Charleston surrendered on the 12th day of May 1780 – when the said Captain Christmas (now deceased) with all the besieged Forces were made prisoner of war, to the British army.

And the said Deceased in the memorandum aforesaid stated that after Staying in Charleston, some 8 or 10 days after the Surrender, he was paroled and returned home.

In support of the evidence embraced in the aforesaid memorandum, the affiant James A. Craig, had procured the evidence of Captain Nicholas Nall of Moore County (since deceased) and the said affiant further states, that within the present term, the affidavit of the said Captain Nicholas Nall, has been mislaid so that he cannot avail himself of the benefit of said Nall's evidence in this Declaration. The Executor, next produces, in support of the evidence embraced in said memorandum, the Affidavit of James Turner, a United States pensioner, under the act of June 1832 marked “E.” Also, the affidavit of Samuel Allen marked “F.” Also that of Charles Wood marked “H,” all United States pensioners, and David White, an applicant for pension marked “G.”

And this Affiant, Executor, as aforesaid, believeth that the Said Richard Christmas (aforesaid) while on parole, and before he was exchanged still being a Captain on parole, again Volunteered in the Service of the United States on the 15th of July 1781 for a three months Tour in the Militia. (For proof vide, affidavits marked “F,” “H,” & “J”). And that when the deceased was attached to this Volunteer Company, Hillsborough was taken by the Tories under Col. Fanning [David Fanning] and McNeil on the 6th day of September 1781, when the said Captain Christmas now (deceased) was made prisoner and taken to Charleston in South Carolina, where he was detained a prisoner of War, by the enemy on board of a prison ship called the “*Eske*” and was exchanged for one Captain James Osbourn and returned home on or about the first day of July following to wit 1782, being a term of Eleven months and Two weeks, from the time he Joined the Volunteer Company, till released – (For proof See affidavits marked “E” et al and also General Butler's letter, marked “C”) this last tour under Allen of 11 months and two weeks expiring when he was released and exchanged for Captain Osbourn, added to the two months & 25 days of his three months tour as Captain in 1780 make a term of 14 months & nine days Service, after he was duly Commissioned Captain, besides four months, antecedent to this the

Deceased Served as private, as proved in Evidence “D” making in all, 18 months and Nine days.

The Said Executor further states, he knows of no additional testimony he can procure to further strengthen the claims of his Testator to pension, and humbly trusts that the Testimony he has adduced, may prove Satisfactory to the War Department. He begs leave to State that from their remoteness from the Court House, and their infirmities, he was not enabled to get the affiants to Court to give their evidence.

And the Said Executor states that he has the family record of the Said Captain Christmas (deceased) by which it appears that he was born in Warren County in this State on the 3rd day of April 1752. That he removed to this County some years before the war of the Revolution.

That the (Deceased) was living in the aforesaid County of Orange when called into the Service of the United States. That he always served as Volunteer as far as the affiant hereof has ever understood.

[As to be regular officers, vide affidavits--].

As to the facts of discharges for the Services of the Testator, the Executor has no information except for his three first Tours, where the affiant Tate says they received only a verbal ones (Vide “D”). That as Captain the Testator received a Commission, signed by Governor Caswell and accompanies this Declaration. As to the belief in the neighborhood of the Deceased's revolutionary Services, See Affidavits, already quoted. Also, that of the Rev'd Ezekiel B. Currie and James Mebane Esq. marked “K”. And the Said Executor, in behalf of said Captain Christmas (Deceased) his Testator, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares (that he has ever understood) that the name of his Testator is not upon the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn and Subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James A. Craig, Exr.

[Of the Last will of Richard Christmas (Dd)]

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Report this morning of the Quarter Guard at the Sugar House the 9th May 1780

Parole Labour --Counter Signs Chance Glory

Captains 1

Subalterns 1

Sergeants 2

Corporals 2

Rank & file 36

Sentries by Day 3

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One Corporal & Six Privates Detached to Genl. McIntosh: grs, Visited by the rounds by Day and by Night the times.

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Genl. Butler to Lieut Genl Leslie on Exchange “C”

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To the Honorable Lieutenant General Leslie or to the Commanding officer of the British forces in the State of South Carolina

Captain Nathl Christmas [sic, Nathaniel Christmas] has permission to pass from thence to the British Garrison at Charles Town, for the purpose of Effecting the Exchange, Captain Richard Christmas [sic,

Christmas] who is a prisoner of war to the British arms, for Captain James Osborn, who is a prisoner of war to the American arms, which said Exchange is hereby proposed. This being agreed to, the said Captain Osborn is relieved and Exchanged, the said Captain Nath'l Christmas is to pass under the sanction of the Flag.

Given at Mt. Pleasant the 26th of June 1782.

S/ John Butler, B. Genl.

For

Hillsboro District

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"B"

Capt. Commission R. C.

State of North-Carolina

To Rich'd Christmas Greeting.

We, reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valor, Conduct, and Fidelity, do by these Presents constitute and appoint you to be Captin [sic, Captain]. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of Captin of a Company of the Orange Regiment of Militia by exercising and well disciplining the Officers and Soldiers under your Command, and by doing and

performing all Manner of Things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command to be obedient to your Orders as Captin. And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Direction, from Time to Time, as you shall receive from your Superior Officers, according to the Rules and Directions of military Discipline, and the laws of this State.

Witness Richard Caswell, Esq.; Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, in and over the said State, under his Hand, and the Great Seal at Arms, at Kingston the 25th Day of February Anno Domi 1780 and the forth [sic, fourth] Year of our Independence.

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 28th day of August A.D. 1833, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace, in and for the County of Orange aforesaid, Samuel Allen¹ of Orange aforesaid, now in the 72nd year of his age, (a private and a Commissary) in the War of the Revolution under the act of June 1832, who being first duly qualified maketh oath that in the war of the revolution, he lived neighbor to, and was well acquainted with Captain Richard Christmas of Orange, aforesaid, now Deceased, And Though he did not serve in the Same Company or Regiment with the aforesaid Christmas, yet well remembers the circumstance of the said Christmas, as Captain marching a Company of militia, to the defense of Charleston in South Carolina, in the latter part of the winter of 1780, and of his being made prisoner there, when that City Surrendered to the British Forces in May of Said year.

And this affiant further States, that he has always understood that the said Christmas was again made prisoner, in the Town of Hillsboro when that place, was taken by Certain Tory forces, under Command of Colonels Fanning & McNeil in the month of September 1781 – when he Said Christmas with other prisoners there made, were taken by the enemy, First to Wilmington in this State, Thence by Sea to Charleston, in S. C. where the said Christmas as prisoner of war, was detained as this affiant has always understood, Several months, but the precise length this affiant does not remember.

And this affiant in conclusion States that he remembers and it was always so understood that the said Captain Christmas (now Deceased) was in Several Tours against the Tories, and understood that Captain Christmas belonged to Captain Ab. Allen's Company – But the number and length of each Tour he does not now remember. The said Christmas was always esteemed a good Whig brave, active and enterprising. And each of the Corps above named was legally organized, and called into Service by Competent authority as this affiant has always understood and believed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date given.

S/ Sam Allen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Allen". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 29th day of August 1833, personally appeared before me, one of the Justices of the peace, in and for the County of Orange aforesaid, James Turner,² of Orange aforesaid, now in the 71st year of his age, who being first duly qualified, maketh oath, that he is a United States pensioner under the act of June 1832, and that during the war of the revolution, he lived neighbor to, and was well acquainted with Captain Richard Christmas of Orange aforesaid (now deceased) and further this affiant

¹ [Samuel Allen S6480](#)

² [James Turner W11573](#)

Says that for the last 40 years, he has not lived over 3 miles from the said Christmas (now deceased).

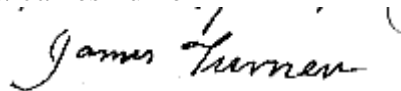
And well remembers that in the winter of 1780, the said Captain Christmas marched a Company of Militia to the defense of Charleston in South Carolina, and under General Lincoln aided in defending that City against the enemy till it Surrendered to the British Forces in May of Said year, 1780.

When the Said Christmas returned home upon parole, but for what period he kept his parole, he does not now remember, but well recollects that when the Town of Hillsboro in Orange aforesaid, was taken by certain Tory Forces, under the Command of Colonel Fanning about the 6th day of September 1781 the Said Captain Christmas was then and there made prisoner, with a greater portion of the troops then in Hillsboro amongst others was this affiant, who then was attached to Captain Clindennin's [probably John Clendennen or Clandennan or Clendennen] Company.

This affiant further states that Said Christmas with himself and the other prisoners made in Town, were taken on to the South, crossing Haw River at Wady's Ferry, Cain Creek, at Lindley's Mills, where the enemy holding us prisoners, were attacked on the second day after we left Hillsboro by some of the Orange Militia & other troops, under Command of Butler, Mebane and Major John Nall, with a vision of rescuing us prisoners, But Fanning kept the ground, and we were hurried on to Wilmington, suffering all the hardships that usually befell men in this unhappy condition. After arriving at Wilmington we were put on board of a British brig, some weeks; thence, were conveyed by sea to Charleston in S. C. where we were put on board of a British prison ship, called the "Eske," where This affiant was detained till about the first week in April following, and when he was released the Said Christmas was still in imprisonment on board the "Eske," but he understands that the said Christmas was exchanged for a Captain Osborn and returned home about the first of July following, to wit, 1782.

This Affiant in Conclusion states, that, the said Christmas, was always considered in the Neighborhood where he was known, to have been an active & warm friend to the Cause of Freedom. And the troops to which he was attached, were legally organized and called into Service by Competent authority as he has ever understood. Although the said Captain Christmas had not been exchanged till June or July '82. Sworn to and Subscribed before me, the day and date First above written.

S/ James Turner



S/ W. F. Jones, JP

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[Ezekiel B. Currie, clergyman, and James Mebane, neighbor, gave the standard certificate of reputation of age and service.]

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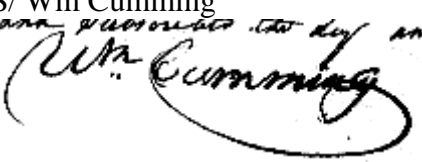
State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 28th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me on this day William Cumming³ of Orange aforesaid now in the 75th year of his age who being first duly sworn maketh oath that during the War of the Revolution, he was well acquainted with Captain Richard Christmas of Orange aforesaid, now (deceased) And well remembers that said Richard Christmas aforesaid now deceased was a private in Captain Ab. Allen's Company of Militia, which was a volunteer company. It was for a three months tour commencing on the 15th of July 1781, and further that said Christmas was continued in said company till he was made prisoner in Hillsboro on the 6th day of September of said year 1781, when that Town was taken by Colonel Fanning Commanding certain Tory forces – the said Christmas was with the other prisoners taken to Charleston as prisoner of war. But how long before the

³ [William Cumming \(Cummings\) S8265](#)

said Christmas was exchanged and returned home, the affiant says he does not now remember.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and date aforesaid.

S/ Wm Cumming
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Witness:

S/ W. F Jones, JP

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 31st day of August A.D. 1833, personally appeared before me Walker Anderson, one of the Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Orange aforesaid, Charles Wood,⁴ a revolutionary Soldier of the Continental line, and U.S. pensioner; who being first duly sworn according to Law: Deposeth and saith, that he was born in the County of then Bute, N.C., the Same that is now called Warren [County] N. C. That he was Born within two miles of Captain Richard Christmas of Orange, aforesaid, now deceased, That he was acquainted with said Captain Christmas Before, during and after the Revolutionary War – This affiant saith he enlisted as a Continental Soldier on the 1st day of May 1776, was in Col. Thomas Clarke's Regiment, in the Service under General Lincoln, at the Siege of Charleston in the Spring of 1780, and remembers that Captain Richard Christmas, aforesaid; was there and had command of a Company of Militia from This County, and That Nathaniel Christmas, (brother to the Deceased) was Lieutenant in said Orange Company – which was in the Regiment commanded, he thinks, by Colonel Hugh Tinnen – Remembers the circumstances of the Said Christmas being paroled, and returning home.

This affiant, further orders Saith, that he hath no remembrance of the Said Captain Christmas, being again in the Service, Till the Summer of Next year, when he was attached to a Company of Orange, volunteer Militia under Captain Abram Allen, which was for a three months Tour. The said Tour commenced as this affiant always understood in July or August of 1781, and That he this Said Christmas was made prisoner by the Tory forces in Hillsboro about the 6th of September of that year, when Hillsboro was surprised and taken by the enemy. (Tories)

And this affiant further Saith, that he has always understood and believes that the said Captain Christmas, as prisoner of War, was taken to Charleston and there kept in close imprisonment, for some time, before he was exchanged. And this Affiant in conclusion saith that the said Captain Christmas, was a good Whig and a Valuable officer.

Sworn, and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ Charles Wood, X his mark

Test:

S/ Walker Anderson, JP

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this 28th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Orange aforesaid Thomas Tate Senior⁵ of Orange aforesaid now in the 77th year of his age who being first duly qualified according to Law deposeth and saith that in the War of the Revolution Richard Christmas of Orange aforesaid now deceased served three several Tours against

⁴ [Charles Wood S42084](#)

⁵ [Thomas Tate S7675](#)

the Tories with this Affiant in which Tours we volunteered: To wit:

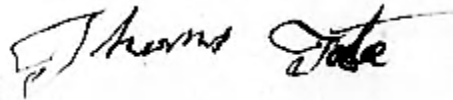
1st Tour commenced on the 1st day of May 1777 and ended on the 1st of June following being a Tour of one month in the said tour, we ranged Sandy Creek in Randolph County, were at the Iron works on Deep River, and South part of Orange: during all which said Tour, Richard Christmas, aforesaid, now deceased, was a private in our Company: our Officers were Eli McDaniel Captain & ___ [blank in original] Steel Lieutenant Colonel William O'Neal was also with us.

2nd Tour—commenced the 1st of April 1779 one Jones was our Captain and our Superior Officers were Colonel William O'Neal and Brigadier John Butler. In this Tour we ranged Sandy Creek neighborhood, Deep River in Chatham, and returned home: in this tour, the said Richard Christmas aforesaid now deceased, was a private in our company, all of said tour, which was for the term of four weeks.

3rd Tour And the last that the said Richard Christmas served with this Affiant, our tour commenced on the 15th day of August of the Year aforesaid, to wit 1779. Captain James Trousdale, Lieutenant Steel, General Alexander Mebane & Colonel O'Neal were our Officers. In this tour we traversed the Counties of Randolph, Chatham, & part of Moore, and returned home on the 15th of October following, having served a tour of eight weeks, during all which tour, the said Richard Christmas, aforesaid, now deceased, was a private with us; and was always esteemed as a good Whig. And further this Affiant saith that they were in each of the above tours called out by competent authority, and further that they got no written but verbal discharges for each of the above tours.

Witness: S/ Thomas Tate, JP

S/ Thomas Tate



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State of North Carolina, Orange County

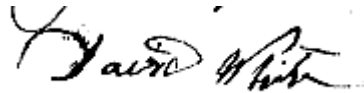
On this the 29th day of August 1833, personally appeared before me Alex. Allen one of the Justices of the peace, in and for the County of Orange aforesaid, David White,⁶ now in the 72nd year of his age, who being first duly qualified maketh oath, that during the latter part of the Revolution he was well acquainted with Captain Richard Christmas of Orange, aforesaid (now deceased). And this affiant states he served in the said war, but at no time that he remembers of in Company with said Christmas. Yet he recollects that it has always been so understood and believed, that the said Richard Christmas, was Captain of, and marched a company of militia to the defense of the South in the winter of 1780, and was under General Lincoln, in the defense of Charleston, and was made prisoner of war, when that City surrendered to the British in the Spring of that year; --

And this Affiant further States, that he remembers, and it has always been so understood, that the said Christmas, was again made prisoner, in Hillsboro, in September 1781, when that Town was Captured by the Tories under the Command of Colonels Fanning & McNeil; and that the Said Christmas, with the other prisoners there made, were taken to Charleston in South Carolina, as he has always understood and believes – but how long before the said Christmas, was exchanged, and returned home, This affiant Says he does not remember. But cheerfully bears testimony, to the zeal and patriotism of the said Captain Christmas, during the War of the Revolution.

Witness:

S/ Alex Allen, JP

S/ David White



⁶ [David White R11406](#)

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State of North Carolina Orange County: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions August Term 1833

On this the 31st day of August 1833, personally appeared before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting for Orange aforesaid – James A. Craig Executor of the last will and Testament of Richard Christmas (Deceased) who being first duly qualified maketh oath That the above annexed [the memo appears below in this transcription] memorandum is in his own hand write [sic], and was made at the request of the deceased, Some few months before he died. And is, as it purports to be, a brief of said deceased's tour as Captain of a Company of militia, he marched to the defense of Charleston in 1780.

Sworn and subscribed in open court, the day and date, above written.

S/ John Taylor, CC

S/ James A. Craig

By V. M. Murphy, DC

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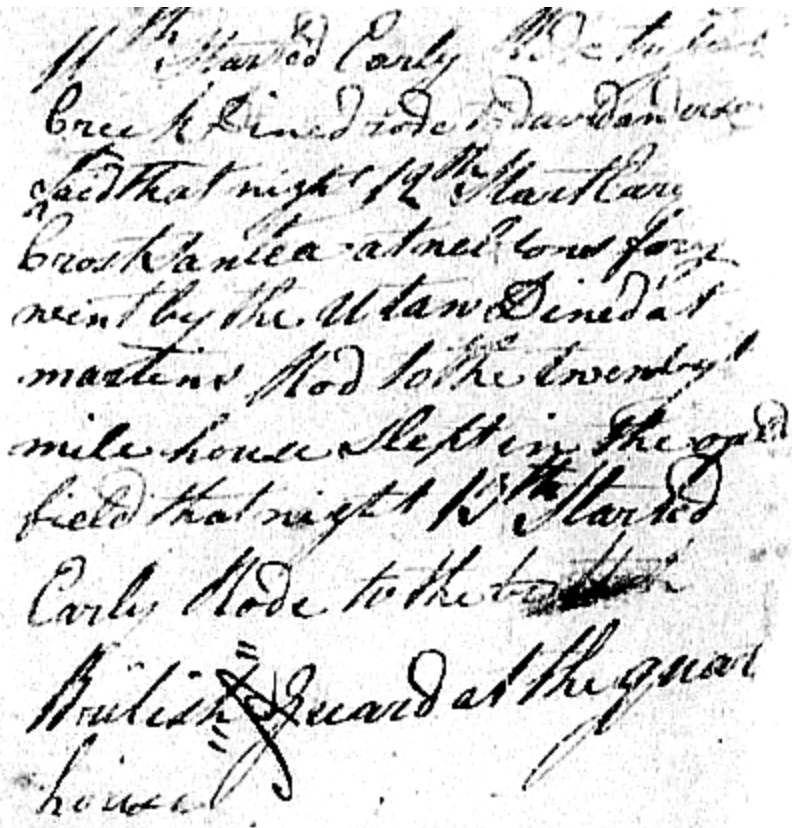
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Chatham Company

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Orange Company

Richard Christmas Cap.

Nathaniel Christmas Lieut.

Orange Company met in Hillsboro Crossed Haw River at Galbreath's Ferry. Thence to Randolph old C. H. where it was Joined by the above Chatham Company, passed through Salisbury, thence Mecklenburg where we were Joined by Col: Tennin—Here Major McDaniel & Capt. Cage Left us—and did not again Join Us.

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--In the evening I think it was of the same day we were ordered into Charleston. In a short time after this the City was encompassed by the B. Forces both by land and Sea. The City surrendered on the 12th of May 1780—when this applicant and all the besieged forces were made prisoners of War by the B.

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Parole &c.

[In a letter dated March 21, 1840 from Executor to the Pension Commissioner, Christmas is said to have died in the early part of the Spring of 1833 being in the 81st years of age. The Executor also adds the following details to his understanding of Christmas' services in Hillsboro in 1781:

“I had always understood from him and others that he was but a private soldier under Captain Allen at the battle of “Kirk's Lane;” in that battle, Allen was dangerously wounded & the Lieutenant John Young killed. The troops after this defeat rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsborough, Allen never was capable afterwards of performing military duty – and at this rendezvous Christmas was promoted to the Captaincy as I understand but in less than a week after reaching Hillsboro that town was captured by Col. Fanning.

“Christmas with the other troops was taken to Charleston South Carolina and detained nearly a year in captivity and as to his being exchanged, We find from Brigadier General Butler's letter that Captain Osborne is taken to Charleston and exchanged for Captain Christmas. If Christmas had been only a private of Infantry, would one who had been a regularly Commissioned Captain in the British Service, been procured and taken to Charleston to be exchanged for a private? The rule of exchange is

grade for grade I suppose....”]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$104.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 17 months 25 days service as a private in Captain in the North Carolina militia.]