

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Patrick Downey S8350

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State of North Carolina } Court of pleas & quarter sessions  
Rutherford County } October Session 1832

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions for Rutherford County now sitting Patrick Downey a resident of Rutherford County No.Ca. aged 93 or 4 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served as a volunteer militiaman for the term of six months in Queen Anns County Mareland [sic: Queen Anne County, Maryland] in the Company commanded by Captain James Roberts on the [blank] day of 177 and was marched against the Tories who were then building a fort on the Unicorn Creek, that after they succeeded in driving the tories from their position, he was permitted, at the expiration of two months from the commencement of his services to return home on account the sickness of his mother where he remained subject to the call of his officers until the expiration of the term of six months.

That he removed to the State of North Carolina where he entered the service again as a Drafted Horseman in the county of Rockingham on the [blank] day of 17 in the Company commanded by Captain William Walls [William Wall] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Crawford and marched into South Carolina where he remained for some time and was taken prisoner by the British at Cheraw [SC] on Pee Dee River at which time [see endnote] he was under the command of General Herington [sic: Henry William Harrington]. After remaining a prisoner for some time he was released and joined the army under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and when Green marched in to North Carolina [28 Jan 1781] he left him, with others, to guard the ferry called Leayels[?] ferry at Cheraw on Pee Dee. He remained there untill he heard of the surrender of Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] and was discharged having served in this tour including the time he was a Prisoner nine months.

That he was born in Baltimore County in the State of Maryland in the year of our Lord 1738 or 39. That he has no record of his age. That he lived in Queen Ann's County in the State of Maryland when he first entered the service. That he lived 6 or 7 years after the Revolution in Anson County in the State of No.Ca. & then removed to Rutherford County in the same state where he has resided ever since & does still reside. That he first entered the service as a volunteer, that he afterwards served as a drafted Soldier. That he served under Gen'l. Green. That he he kept none of his discharges. that he has no documentary evidence of his service neither does he know of any person who can prove them. He states that he is acquainted with George Cabiness [George Cabaniss] & John Roberts who live in his neighbourhood who can testify as to his veracity & give their belief as to his sevice as a Soldier in the Revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid. Patrick hisXmark Downey

State of North Carolina } On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June AD 1833  
Rutherford County }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for the County and State aforesaid, Patrick Downey who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot state positively as to the years in which he served in the revolution but believes his first service was some time in the year of 1777 and that his second tour was commenced some time in the year of 1780 that he cannot be positive as to the precise length of his

service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below in the following grades

that he served as a volunteer under Capt Roberts as before stated in his declaration in the State of Maryland not less than two months in actual service and remained subject to the call of his officer for the balance of six months, that he served as a drafted soldier under Capt Walls in the regiment of Col Crawford – including the time he was a prisoner of the enemy not less than nine months – making in the whole not less than eleven months – in which he was in actual service – and for which service he claims a pension – and that there is no clergyman in his vicinity and by reason of old age and infirmity he is unable to go to the Courthouse which is twenty odd miles from where he resides – Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above written

William Weathers JP

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State of North Carolina }            March the 4<sup>th</sup> AD 1834  
Rutherford County        }

Personally appeared before me William Wethers a Justice of the peace for said county Patrick Downy a Citizen of Rutherford County North Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following statement amendatory to his former declaration made at Rutherford County Court of pleas and quarter Sessions at October Session 1832 he states that through the infirmity of old age and consiquente loss of memory he cannot state precisely th date of his servises his first tour was from Maryland queenans county as a volunteer under Capt James Roberts for six months and marched to the unicorn Creek the waters of Chester river and after serving two months he was dismist by Capt Roberts he believes this tour was in 1778 his second tour was from North Carolina rockingham county as a volunteer of Cavalry under Capt William walls in the ridgement of Cavalry of Col Thomas Crofford and marched to the lower edge of North Carolina near the sea board and in the edge of South Carolina and was dismist by Capt Walls after serving not less than six months he believes this tour was in 1780 near the Cheraw hills he dont mind the name of th county under Capt John hodge as a volunteer in the ridgement of Coln Hick [Hicks?] and was taken by the British and remaind a prisioner for two months and was then exchanged and joined General Greens army at the Cheraw hills and was one of the ferry guard and was dismist by General Harington or Capt Pegee after serving not less than five months he believes this tour was in the last of year 1780 and the first of the year 1781 Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year above written

Teste/ William Weathers

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NOTE: According to J. D. Lewis there was an engagement at Cheraw either in mid-October 1780 or on 26 Dec 1780. [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_cheraw.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_cheraw.html).