Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Hoffner S8727
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State of North Carolina Rowan County: SS

On this 10th day of October 1832, Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Superior Court of law for Rowan County now sitting the same being a Court of Record Martin Hoffner aged seventy-two years pay resident of said County; 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 7th 1832.

That he has a Record of his age at home written in the German language which states that he was born in Germany in the month of October 1759.

He has been informed by his parents [that they] Emigrated and landed at Philadelphia when he was about three years old – and removed to Rowan County North Carolina at the age of nine years where he has resided ever since.

That he was drafted as a common soldier at Fullenwiders House in Rowan County for six weeks to go to Fayetteville, that he went under Captain Barrier [probably a reference to George Henry Barrier] in the Regiment of Colonel Martin. That he was afterwards drafted at the same place in Rowan County and went in what was called the Cherokee expedition to the mountains of North Carolina for four months in Captain Barrier's Company, under Colonel Francis Locke and General G. Rutherford.

That he was afterwards drafted at the same place as a common soldier for 3 months and marched under the command of Lieutenant Benjamin Skipnior [sic?] to Deep River North Carolina where Colonel Beaverly [sic, Beverly?] of Guilford County and Colonel Isaac [probably Col. Samuel or Elijah Isaacs] of Surry County acted as superior officers. That he served this tour 2 months which was the end of the war. He got written discharges for the first two terms of service but has lost them.

He names Nathan Morgan¹ and Philip Miller² as his neighbor now living who are able to testify as to his character and services.

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¹ Nathan Morgan W18529

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 State to his knowledge. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Giles, CSC

S/ Martin Hoffner

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We Nathan Morgan and Philip Taylor residing in Rowan County do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Martin Hoffner who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing Declaration and we believe him to be 72 years of age; that we served with him part of the times he mentions; that we have full confidence in his integrity and believe that he served as he states in the revolutionary war.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Giles, CSC

Stillij. Miller

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months and 14 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

² Philip Miller S7230