Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Angel ¹ W20622 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina Surry County: Court of pleas & quarter Sessions February term 1833
On this 12th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of William P. Dobson, Mallory Smith & Honorable C. Martin now Sitting, John Angel a Resident of North Carolina and in the County of Surry, Aged 70 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States in the year 1779 – about the last of November or the first of December as a Substitute for Charles Angel under Captain Salathiel Martin of Colonel Hampton's [Andrew Hampton's] Regiment of North Carolina Militia and Served four months & eight days and received a Discharged on the 25th day of March 1780 which Discharge he has lost or mislaid.

In June following he enlisted as a volunteer under Captain Bostick [Absalom Bostick], that Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was his General that he was in the Battle at Camden [August 15-16, 1780] near Rugeley's Mill in South Carolina and was wounded in the left Arm, that he was out three months and Acted in the Capacity of first Sergeant, but received no Discharge.

In the first of September following he volunteered as a Substitute for one John Hutchens for Six months under Captain Minor Smith, Major Winston [Joseph Winston] of Colonel Campbell's [Arthur Campbell's Regiment of North Carolina Militia and started to King's Mountain, that he went as far on his way as to old Richmond which was then Surry Courthouse but is since in the County of Stokes North Carolina – where he met with General Martin Armstrong who sent this applicant and one Joseph Carmichael with an express to General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] to aid at the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] this express was to request General Davidson for such Aid who was then in South Carolina, that he Delivered the express to said General Davidson. But Davidson being attacked the next Morning by the British under Lord Cornwallis this applicant remained with General Davidson during the battle and continued with him until their arrival at Salisbury and from thence returned home without obtaining a Discharge, that Afterwards he was called out under Captain Bostick three several times of a week each to fight the Tories and remained in service as long as was deemed necessary by the Commanding Officers, that Afterwards about the first of September '81, he volunteered as a light horseman under Captain Hill [Robert Hill] to go to Wilmington where he was in two battles, that he and Captain Kennedy were chosen to carry the Flag to the British at the Brick house near Wilmington to Summons them to Surrender of the House – that he was in the Service this Tour two months, that at the time of all the above named enlistments & services he was and has ever since been a Citizen of what was then Surry County but the County being Since Divided that part which I lived in at the time aforesaid is now Stokes. Since which I moved out of that County into Surry County

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in that day it was all Surry County in the State of North Carolina and has been a Preacher of the Gospel about 40 years, he was born and raised in Stokes, formerly Surry County, that he served in all of the Several Tours, 11 months and 15 days, that he has no Documentary evidence and that knows of no person except Daniel Cockeran [sic,Cockerham]² whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to my Service. I hereby relinquish 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. In Answer to the 7 Interrogatories as propounded by the Court in Conformity to the instruction at the War department:

1st I was Born in the Month of June 1762 or '63 I am not certain which of the years in Stokes County State of North Carolina

2nd I have none. I Suppose there never was a record of my Age.

3rd I lived in Stokes County near the upper Luran [?]³ town on Dan River which was at that time in Surry County. In the year 1802 moved from there to where I now live in Surry County.

4th Twice I volunteered. Twice a Substitute one time for Charles Angel and the of the time for John Hutchins. Volunteered for [illegible word] in the Tory Tours.

5th Colonel Hampton, General Lincoln, General Rutherford, General Davidson, Major Winston, Colonel Campbell & Major White & others.

6th I Received one Discharge which I think was given me by General Lincoln which discharge I have lost, that is all the written Discharge I ever received.

7th Thomas Wright, Senior, John Wright, Josiah Combs and Major Joseph Williams.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ John Wright, Clk

S/ John Angel

[Richard H. Parks, clergyman, and Josiah Combs give the standard certificate of reputation for veracity and service.]

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This day Appeared in Open Court Daniel Cockeram [sic] and made oath in due form of law that he is personally acquainted with John Angel who has signed the foregoing Declaration, and that he was with him at Camden in the summer of 1780 and that the said John Angel was there and served faithfully in the American Army as he believes for 3 months. Also, he was under General Rutherford down to Wilmington in 1781 in the fall and the said John Angel was there in the American Army and as he believes served faithfully 2 months.

Sworn to in open court this 12 day of February 1833

S/ Daniel Cockerham, X his mark

[p 13: On August 17, 1843 in Surry County North Carolina, Mary Angel applied for widow's pension under the 1836 act as the widow of John Angel; that she married him Feb. 1779; that John died on or about the 5th of July 1843; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: At November Term 1849 in Surry County North Carolina, Samuel Walker, 75, and Huldah Walker, 73, gave testimony that they were well acquainted with John Angel and his wife Mary Griner,

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² Daniel Cockerham S8241

who was Huldah's sister, Huldah being the youngest sister of Mary Angel, the applicant; that John Angel was the Baptist congregation's preacher at Flat Rock in Surry County North Carolina for many years; that Hulhad was young and has no recollection of her sister's marriage but she does recall often hearing that the marriage took place a few weeks previous to the battle of Guilford about the time Cornwallis passed through Salem North Carolina.

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[Facts in file: there are references in the documents to the veteran and his wife having had a large family of children but the only child named in the file documents is Mathias who in 1850 was about 68 years of age; in 1855 the widow gave her age as 89 years with no explanation for the discrepancy in her age as stated in her pension application; she then lived in Yadkin County North Carolina; she died July 21, 1857.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$42.23 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private and Sergeant for 10 months and 20 days in the North Carolina militia in both the Infantry & cavalry. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]