

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Flynn (Flinn) W4953
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Nancy Flynn f40NC
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State of North Carolina, Stokes County: Superior Court October Term 1821

On this 17th day of October 1821 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record John Flynn aged about Sixty four years resident in Stokes County said state of North Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath declares--That he enlisted at the Red House in Caswell County North Carolina in the spring of the year 1781 in as he believes the Second Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Col Henry Dixon in Company commanded by Capt. Tilmon Dixon [Tilghman Dixon], that he served from that time until the month of June 1782, when he was discharged at Camden, that he served as a Common Soldier and was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs:¹ That before his enlistments he was in the Militia and wounded by a Sabre Cut in the head at the defeat of Genl. Gates at Camden² and that he has never rec'd any pension.

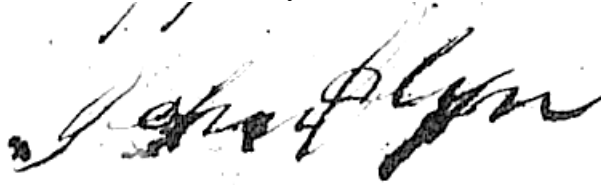
I John Flynn do further Swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby as to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress Entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818. And that I have not nor has any person for me in trust, any property or Securities Contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is Contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed & by me Subscribed.

2 Ploughs, 4 Hoes, 2 Axes, 1 Flax Wheel, 1 Cotton wheel, 1 Bed & furniture very old, 1 Rifle Gun, part of a set of Coopers tools, 1 old Chair

I am some in debt, I live with my wife aged Sixty Six years and two Daughters the Eldest about fourteen, my other Children have left me. I cultivate as far as I am able a small tract of land belonging to my son. I have followed Coopering and farming but am failing in Strength and for a few years past have been unable to do laborious work. I am old infirm & poor and stand in need of assistance from my Country for Support.

Sworn to & declared in open Court October Term 1821

S/ John Flynn



The Court adjudges the property contained in the above Schedule to be worth thirty one Dollars fifteen Cents; and the facts contained in the declaration & Schedule are true and that this Deponent is a man of Veracity.

Supplemented 12/30/08 by Will Graves

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¹ September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

² August 15-16, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/camdenmarker.htm>

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 9: On November 30, 1843, in Stokes County, NC, Nancy Flinn, 88, filed for widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John Flinn dec'd who was a pensioner for his services in the Revolution at the rate of \$96/annum; that she married him in 1784; that he died October 20th 1842; that she had the records in the County where she was married searched but no record of her marriage was found³; that she has no family record of her marriage or the births of her children but to the best of her recollection her children were born as follows:

Patrick Flinn was born 1784

John Flinn born 1786

Elizabeth Flinn born 1788

Nancy Flinn born 1790

Stephen Flinn born 1792

Alfred Flinn born 1794

Wm Flinn [William Flinn] born 1796

Susanna Flinn born 1798

Izah Flinn born 1800

Jesse Flinn born 1802

Green Flinn born 1804

Mary Flinn born 1806

Delila Flinn born 1808

She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15 On September 10, 1845, Alfred Flinn gave testimony in Stokes County, NC, that Nancy Flinn widow of John Flinn died on the 28th day of February 1845 survived by seven children, to wit: Alfred, John, Elizabeth (intermarried with Elijah Knight), Stephen, Zera, Mary (intermarried with Enoch Calhoun) and Delilah Flinn. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 24]

State of North Carolina, Secretarys Office 24th of December 1821

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary war that John Flinn a private in Captain Dixon's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the __ day of May 1781 for 12 months and that he left the service on the 21st day of May 1792.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ William Hill

³ She doesn't name the County in which she was married but there is a letter in the file dated February 4, 1845, from JL Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions stating that the certificate of the Clerk of Caswell County, NC stating that there is no record of the marriage in that County and the affidavit of Susanna Brown says they were married around 1784 is not sufficient proof.

[p 30 Certificate of Abisha Slade, Clerk of Caswell County, NC, that he has made a diligent search of the records in his office and finds no record relating to the marriage of John Flinn with Nancy Whitlock, but that he has no doubt such record was destroyed with others by fires in the year 1786 or 1787.]

[p 32 Affidavit dated October 17, 1844, given in Guilford County, NC, by Susanna Brown, 70, who testifies that she saw John and Nancy Flinn married in Caswell County, NC about the year 1784, and that they lived together as man and wife.]

[p 34, Affidavit dated May 14, 1845, by Thomas Comer, 62, of Caswell County, NC as to the marriage of John and Nancy Flinn, their living together as man and wife and having several children. Similar affidavit given by Thomas Peterson, 70, of Caswell County and Mary Stephens, 73, of Caswell County, NC and by John Roan, 62, of Caswell County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 17, 1821 for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum.]