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P. O. *John (William)*

Service: _____

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Washington City D.C.
July 14. 1853

Sir:

Please find enclosed the Declaration
of John Melvin a Revolt Soldier from the State
of North Carolina for a Pension under the act
of 1832.

Yours

Very Respectfully
James Le

To the Commr. Pensions }
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Wm. Stealy

State of North Carolina }
Bladen County } ss.

On this 24th day of March 1852,

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, John Melvin, a resident of the State and County aforesaid, aged 90 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 under the following named Officer and that he served as herein stated: 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 States. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

John Melvin

Justice

Sworn to and subscribed before me Joseph S. Melvin a Justice of the Peace, in and said County, the day and year aforesaid.

Joseph S. Melvin

Justice

21st Where, and in what year were you born.

A. In North Carolina Bladen County in the year 1762,

Q. 2nd Have you any record of your age, if so where is it.

A. I have no record it was destroyed by fire.

Q. 3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

A. In North Carolina Bladen County at each period.

Q. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

A. I volunteered.

Q. 5. State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops when you served.

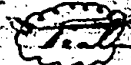
such continental and militia regiments as you can
recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.
A. Genl. Thomas Brown, marched us from Elizabethtown
in Bladen County, to a station on Drowning Creek
near the South Carolina line, where the Tories were
committing depredations. we remained in Camp
there three months, and Genl. Brown, then, marched us
back to Elizabethtown, and told us to go home.
John Gaetz was our Captain there, I think. I cannot
recollect what year or month that was; after I was
discharged by Genl. Brown at Elizabethtown; I think I stayed
home about twelve months, and then went to Wilmington
in N. Carolina, and joined a militia regiment or
company that was stationed there as a volunteer,
for a twelve months term, before the time expired.
peace was made, I think I was in Wilmington
about six months. Jeremiah Botgrose was Major there,
and I think Wm. M. Ree was a recruiting officer at
that time, and went north. I cannot recollect the
militia regiment I was attached to at either Station.

Q. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and
if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?
A. I never received a written discharge.

Q. 7th State some of the names of persons to who you are
known in your present neighborhood, and who
can testify as to your character for veracity and their
belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution?
A. Daniel McPeffer & Thomas Smith.

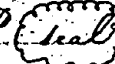
I do not know of any surviving witnesses who could testify
as to my personal service as aforesaid. William Smith Sr.
of this County, who served with me in my first term, received
a pension during his life time; he died a few years ago.
Daniel W. Foster, or his heirs; who served with me in my last term,
I understood, was entitled to, or had received, land & his heirs.

many years ago and was a resident of Bladen County N. Carolina
And I the said Joseph T. Melvin, a Justice of the Peace, do hereby declare
that I believe, that after the investigation of the matter, and after
putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that
the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and ser-
ved as he states.

Joseph T. Melvin J.P. 

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice
of the Peace, in and for said County, John Melvin, who
being duly sworn deposes and saith that, by reason of old
age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot trace pre-
cisely as to the precise length of service; but according to
the best of his recollection he served not less than the peri-
ods mentioned below, as a private served three months
in Camp, on Deepening Creek in N. Carolina, served
six months in Wilmington N. Carolina as a private,
and for such service I claim a pension as
shown & subscribed.

John Melvin


attest Joseph T. Melvin J.P. 




State of North Carolina

Bladen County } We Joseph T. Melvin Justice of the Peace
in and for said County, before whom the foregoing declaration and
affidavit was made and John Smith and John Likes

also Justices of the Peace in and for
said County, who being present, do hereby certify that the above
said John Melvin, in consequence of old age, and other ^{bodily} infir-
mities is not able to attend Court.

Given under our hands & seals, day and year aforesaid.

The undersigned have read
the within and above
in the 21st has been read and signed
before the signing of the instrument
attest Joseph T. Melvin J.P. 

Joseph T. Melvin J.P. 
John Smith J.P. 
John Likes J.P. 



North Carolina } J. James J. McRee Clerk.
Bladen County } of the Court of Pleas and
Quarters } Sessions in and for the County of Bladen
in the State aforesaid do Certify that Joseph J.
Melvin, John Smith, John Sikes, and Nathan Jones
Esquires before whom the foregoing papers were
presented were at the time of the execution of the
same acting Justices of the Peace in and for Bladen
County in the State of North Carolina, duly
Commissioned and Sworn, and that full faith
and Credit are due to all their official
acts, as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the County
Seal at office in Elizabeth Town on
this the ninth day of September Anno
Domini 1852.

J. James J. McRee Clerk
" " "



State of North Carolina }
Bladen County }

on this 21st day of April 1852.

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Daniel M. Duffee a clergyman residing in the State and County aforesaid, and Thomas Smith of the same, also a clergyman, who being duly sworn according to law, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with John Melvin who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration: that we believe him to be 90 years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Daniel M. Duffee
Thomas Smith

witness

Nathan Jones J.P. Seal

And I hereby certify that Daniel M. Duffee and Thomas Smith are credible witnesses;

Nathan Jones J.P. Seal