

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension app of Josiah Culbertson S16354

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State of Indiana, Daviess County

On the eighteenth day of September eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Amory Kinney President Judge and Ephraim Thompson and Michael Murphy Esquire associate Judges of the Court being the Circuit Court for the County of Daviess and State aforesaid now sitting Josiah Culbertson a resident of the township of Washington in the County of Daviess and State aforesaid aged about eighty four years of age 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 under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated. The first service where this deponent engaged in was as a volunteer in a Company commanded by Capt. John Thomas, Jr., the Regiment commanded by his father Col. John Thomas and the whole commanded by Genl. Mason. This was near as deponent now recollects in the fall of 1775. Deponent served two weeks in what was known in South Carolina as the Snow Camp Campaign. In June 1776 he started again as a volunteer in the Company commanded by Capt. John Thomas and Col. Thomas, Col. of the Regiment the whole command in Genl. Mason on a tour of fourteen weeks against the Cherokee Indians who was committing depredations on the frontier of South Carolina. That he was drafted and went out under the command of the same Captain and Col. at the time Savannah was besieged and was absent on this tour doing duty for three months. That he was out as volunteer in several campaigns from 1775 to 1780 against the Indians, Tories and British most generally under the same officers, the particulars of which due to the length of time he was at each he cannot now exactly recollect. The Camp to which he was attached from its frequency of movement and action being known and designated as the Flying Camp—during which they had several engagements with Col. Ferguson's men the Tories & Indians. That he was out in all more than three years in service during which whole time he was engaged in the service. That he was in the battles of Cowpens, Ramsour's & King's Mountain and the various smaller engagements with the Enemy. He served with the regular troops at the time Genl. Lincoln & Morgan commanded them the names of the others regular officers who were commanders of Regiments & Companies of the Regular Troops he does not now recollect. The Captain of his Company at the battle of the Cowpens and King's Mountain was Roebuck. That he cannot in consequence of his advanced age and the consequent loss of his memory now give the particulars of all the various engagements and combats he was in during the revolution but as one event is connected with this history of the times and well known in his native State South Carolina he will briefly refer to it—In seventeen hundred and seventy six Gov. Rutledge sent up ammunition to the Whigs in

the district of Ninety Six where deponent resided to keep the Tories in awe who were plenty enough in that Section and continued to do more mischief than even the British. A part of the ammunition was deposited at the house of Col. John Thomas before mentioned. In the Spring of '80 while the British besieged Charleston the ammunition which was all important to the American cause was guarded by the Deponent and twenty five men. The success of the British inspired the Tories and a Col. Moore with almost one hundred and fifty men determined to attack the house in which the ammunition was lodged and destroy it—Moore with his men approached—the guard being fearful of such odds, retreated although strongly remonstrated with by this deponent leaving no one to defend the house but deponent and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Thomas. The house was a log house and the rest of the guard having retreated as determined [?] as the hazard was rather than give it up to defend it himself against the besiegers. He accordingly loaded his guns and while his mother-in-law was employed in running him a supply of bullets kept up such a fire upon the Tories from the house that they believing the whole guard was there, retreated leaving himself, his mother-in-law and the ammunition safe. The destruction of the ammunition would have been a serious loss to the Americans and the same was afterwards made use of by Sumpter at his fight on the Rocky mountain [sic, Rocky Mount] and at the battle of the Hanging Rock. That he has no documentary evidence to prove his services but refers to the depositions hereto attached of Mr. Hammond and Mr. Neal marked A, B as proof of his services. He was born as he believes about 1748. He believes this from the circumstances that he thinks he was 8 or 9 years of age when Braddock was defeated. He has no record of his age. He was living in District Ninety Six South Carolina when called into service. He lived in said District and Greenville District in the same State until 1810 when he moved to Daviess County Indiana where he has ever since resided and now resides. He never was drafted but was during the war as before stated He was most of the time a volunteer. He has stated as much as he can now recollect in names of the Regular officers he served under and the general circumstances of his services. He never received a discharge from the Service but was mustered out. In addition to the depositions accompanying this of Mr. Hammond and Mr. Neal he would refer to Judges Thompson and Murphy and to the Presiding Judge for his veracity and the belief as to his services as a soldier in the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes any 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno. Van Ives, Clerk

S/ Josiah Culbertson, X his mark

[Ebenezer Jones, a clergyman and Ephraim Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Indiana County of Daviess

On this 15th day of January 1833, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County of Daviess aforesaid, Josiah Culbertson, who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: 6 weeks I served as a private

volunteer, under Captain John Thomas, in the fall of 1775, in what was called the Snow Camp Campaign. For 14 weeks I served as a private volunteer under the aforesaid Captain, against the Cherokee Indians, in June and July 1776. For 3 months I served as a private (drafted) under the same Captain, at the time Savannah was besieged. For 2 months I served as a private soldier under same Captain in what was called the Stono campaign in the year 1777 [sic, 1779]. For one year and 6 months, I served as a private soldier under different officers. This service commenced the first of June, 1778. For 2 weeks I served as a private volunteer. For 3 weeks I served as a private volunteer under Captain Parsons against the Cherokees. For 5 weeks I served as a pilot or spy on the frontiers. There were many other tours of duty in which I served as a private, between the year 1775 and 1780 under different officers, but most generally under Captain Thomas, the particulars of which and thinks of service I cannot call of memory, consequently cannot state with more certainty than I have in my declaration made before the Judges of the Circuit Court of said County of Daviess, on the 18th day of September last past, and hereunto attached. I am confident I served in all more than 3 years as a private soldier of the American Revolution, although I cannot now state more definitely the various services than I have done in said declaration and in this amendment; and for such service I claim a pension. S/ Josiah Culbertson, X his mark  
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid  
S/ Jacob Crabs, JP

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A. Personally appeared in open Court the 18th day of September 1832 Job Hammond<sup>1</sup> aged 91 years last June of sound mind and memory and now on the pension roll who being duly sworn declareth and saith that he is well acquainted with Josiah Culbertson the Declarant has known him before the American Revolution having lived in the adjoining County to him in South Carolina. That he knew him in service in the Revolutionary War and served in the same Regiment with him before deponent listed [sic, enlisted] in Washington's Light Horse. That he understood he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain and believes him to have been in the other engagements set forth in the declarant's statement and to have served as there stated. That the circumstance of his declarant's gallop defense of the house of Colonel Thomas where the ammunition was lodged was well known and talked of and great praise awarded declarant who this deponent believes to be the same man. That his reputation was that of a gallant and useful soldier and he was much thought of in the Army for his [indecipherable word] and activity.  
Sworn & subscribed to this 18th September 1832. S/ Job Hammond, X his mark

B. Personally appeared in open Court this 18th day of September 1832 James Neal who being duly sworn deposeseth & saith -- that he has known the declarant Josiah Culbertson ever since 1776. That he never served with him but knew him well and South Carolina. That he was as Deponent believes in the Service at that period and was highly esteemed as a soldier for his [indecipherable word] & activity. That he understood shortly after the event of declarant's defense of the ammunition as stated in the declaration of said Culbertson and has no doubt of its truth. That he believes him to have served as stated

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<sup>1</sup> [Job Hammond S36569](#)

and to have been in the Engagements set forth. On his a resident of Daviess County aged 69 and further saith not.

Sworn & subscribed to the 18th September 1832 S/ James C. Neale