

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

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<http://www.rutherfordcounty.org/archives/John%20Jack's%20Service.htm>

Pension Application of John Jack

State of Tennessee, Rutherford County

On this 23rd day of January in the year of our Lord 1823, personally appeared in open court, the court of pleas and quarter session for the county of Rutherford and state of Tennessee, the same being a court of record, John Jack, aged sixty nine years and a resident in said county of Rutherford who having first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and of the 1st of May 1820, that the said John Jack enlisted for the term of three years in the fall of the year 1776 in the state of Virginia, in the company commanded by Capt. Bard, in the regiment commanded by Col. Elbert, in the line of the State of Georgia of the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps until Savannah was captured when and where he was taken a prisoner of war & put on board the British prison ship "Betsy", then by consent of the captain of said prison ship was allowed to go on board a British privateer to help her to weigh anchor, most of her crew having deserted, which vessel took him to Sandy Hook, where he was pressed on board the British sloop of war, "Hunter", then put on board the "Volunteer", British sloop of war, then sailed up the North River, then was put on board the "Rainbow", man of war, about the time of General Arnold's [Benedict Arnold] defection, from which vessel he deserted at the eastern end of Long Island, went to the City of New York, there apprehended as a British deserter and compelled to return on board the ship from which he deserted to enlist as a soldier in the 84th Regiment of the British Army, which last alternative he preferred & embraced with the British army & landed at Suffolk in Virginia, where on the second night he deserted & joined the army of his own country, then commanded by General Eaton who gave him permission to go to North Carolina in Nov. 1781 that he was in a battle at Frederica Island, he was in the battles of Amelia Island and Midway Meeting House and at the capture of Savannah, and that he has no other evidence now in his possession of his said service excepting his own oath and affidavit of Thomas Williams, he made a personal declaration on the 28th of August 1820, and in pursuance of the Act of 1st of May 1820.

I solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent so 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 and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, or tracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule herein annexed & by me subscribed, having sold his Negro man mentioned in a former declaration for two hundred and fifty dollars, all of which he

had expended for necessary support excepting one hundred and fifty dollars which he had not yet received.

S/ John Jack

Schedule of John Jack's property,
one debt due him of \$150. John Jack

His occupation is that of a silk weaver & for want of employment in that branch of business as also from his grand infirmity of mind & body, he cannot pursue his business so as to make a necessary maintenance and he had no wife or children living.

Sworn to in open court 22 January 1823

S/ John Jack

B. Coleman, Clk

[WTG: This pension application is not found among the applications available through the HeritageQuest website. Anyone have any idea why not?]