Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph England S2541 NC
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State of Tennessee \ SS \ on this 27th day of February 1833

Personally appeared in open Court before me Edward Scott one of the Anderson County } Judges of law and Equity in and for the said State of Tennessee and for the second Judicial Circuit now sitting Joseph England a resident of the said County and State, in the said County of Anderson and state of Tennessee, 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born in New Kent County Virginia on the 25th day of December 1762. He has no record of his age at this time, it was burnt when he got his house burnt some years ago. He was liveing in Surry County in the State of North Carolina when called into the service, at which place, he thinks in or about the first of November 1779 he volunteered for a three months tour against the british and Tories, under Capt Roial or Rial Martin, in the Militia in Maj. Wm Shepherds [William Sheppard's] & Col. Martin Armstrongs Regiment. We rendezvoused at Old Richmond Courthouse on the Yadkin River in said Surry County at the time last aforesaid we had no Genl. that tour; we lay there a week or ten days, and then marched to the shallow ford of the Yadkin, there we had a skirmish with the Tories [14 Oct 1780] who were commanded by Kiah Wright [Col. Hezekiah Wright with Col. Gideon Wright]. we defeated the Tories and killed some thirty or forty of them, took no prisoners. we returned to the place of rendezvous at Richmond in a few days, lay there a few weeks, then marched to Gilford [sic: Guilford County NC]. we were there met by some officers, their names not recollected, and ordered back. we then marched back to Richmond and lay there till our time was out, and was then honourably discharged in the first of February 1780 [sic]. his discharge was signed by the said Col Armstrong. He served at this time three

Again while liveing in said Surry County North Carolina in or about the first of June 1780 he volunteered for a four months tour under Capt John Timmins[?] in Maj Sharps Rigiment of Militia, whether he had a Col or not at this time is not recollected, nor Maj Sharps Christian name is not recollected. we Rendezvoused at Richmond Courthouse on the Yadkin River at the time last aforesaid lay there about two weeks then marched to Charlotte Courthouse, there we joined Genl Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter], lay there some time then marched to the Hanging Rock in South Carolina. he was in the battle of the hanging Rock, which he thinks was in August [6 Aug 1780] Genl Sumpter Commanded. we then marched towards Camden to join Genl [Horatio] Gates, but before we got there Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], and we met his troops retreating. we then turned and marched to Charlotte, lay there some time, then marched to Salsberry [sic: Salisbury NC]; there he was honorably discharged some time in Octo 1780 his discharge was signed by Genl Lock his Christian name not recollected He served at this time four months. Again while liveing at the same place last aforesaid towit Surry County he volunteered for a three months tour under Capt Thomas Timmins[?] we had no Col we Rendezvoused at Richmond Courthouse on the Yadkin River he thinks the last of Octo 1780. lay there some time. we then marched into Gilford then returned back to the place of Rendezvouse and lay there waiting for a reinforcement we considered ourselves too weak to resist Fannings [David Fanning's] men who were tories and was between us and head quarters. lay there till our time was out, and was there honourably discharged in January 1781. his discharge was signed by Col Armstrong who was Colo of the County. he served at this time three months.

Again as soon as the above tour was out while at the place of Rendezvous towit Richmond he volunteered under Capt John Hogan in January 1781 for a nine months tour marched to Fayette [sic: Fayetteville] on Cape fear lay there some time then marched to Genl Butlers [John Butler's] head quarters in the neighbourhood of Wilmington then we marched fifteen miles above Wilmington and

joined the main army commanded by Genl [Charles] McDowell lay there till our time was out and was there honourably discharged in November 1781. his discharge was signed by Genl McDowell he served at this time nine months. The above mentioned discharges were all burnt at the time he got his house burnt a number of years ago he claims pension for nineteen months service he may be mistaken as to some of the dates above mentioned but he is certain he served all the time above mentioned and several other tours that he cannot particularlise or describe

He has lived since the revolu in said Surry County about two years he then moved to Catawby River in Burk County North Carolina [sic: Catawba River in Burke County NC] lived there till about 1827. his wife died and Children all moved, and he has since lived with them; and sun lives in said Anderson County and he lives with him at this time

He does not recollect the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served nor the continental or militia regiments farther than above stated

He never was drafted or a substitute He did not receive a commission during the revolution He is not much acquainted in his present neighbourhood but he is acquainted with Maj Arthur Crozier Charles Y Oliver Wm Gunnell Esqr Morris Cobb all of whom he believes would testify that they believe him to be a man of verasity and that they believe him to have been a soldier of the revolution There is no Clergyman liveing in his neighbourhood nor none that he can procure who can proove the report of his service He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the the pension roll of the agency of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service