

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jesse Ausley W27520

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State of North Carolina Chatham County: Court of Pleas and Order Sessions August Term 1832

On this the 14th day of August A.D. 1832 Jesse Ausley of the County aforesaid, personally appeared, in open Court now sitting – aged 77 years, who being 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 was Drafted and entered the Service for three months in the Wake County Militia and was marched to Hillsboro to Guard the Legislature then sitting in Hillsboro and served a Tower [sic, Tour] of three months and was discharged. But the year he does not recollect that he was from Wake County and was commanded by Captain Lane a part of the time that he was under the command of General Butler. That he has no Documentary Evidence and can only prove his Services by his Elder Brother David Ausley and he further states that he got a discharge But that it is Lost or mislaid also he further states that he was a Second time Drafted in Wake County for a three months Tour and marched to Hillsboro [to] Guard the Legislature and keep the Tories in Subjection that he Served his time out under the command of Captain Swan Tranten and Lieutenant Thomas Swan and under General Butler that he has no further Evidence to establish his Service than as above stated that he has a part of a discharge But a part thereof is Lost and he further states that he was Drafted a third time in the Wake Militia for a three months Tour that he was marched to Hillsborough and put under the command of Captain Tab and Major Crofton from Hillsboro he marched to Guilford where the Battle had been fought by Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Cornwallis from thence he was marched under General Greene to Camden South Carolina from Camden he was marched to the high Hills of Santee from thence he was marched back to Camden there they Crossed the Wateree [River] at Camden from thence they marched to Thompson's Fort when they arrived there the British had evacuated the Fort he was thence marched in pursuit of the British and overtook them at the Eutaw Springs there they had an Engagement and Defeated the British and pursued them nearly to Moncks Corner near Charleston, he was then marched Back to the high Hills of Santee there his Term of Service Expired and he was discharged and returned home he has a discharge which is here unto annexed but for which Term of Service he is unable to say and he further sayeth that after he returned home he Removed to Chatham County. That soon after he removed to Chatham he entered the Service as a Substitute for Elijah Cain in what was called the State Troops. That he was marched [to] Hillsboro and there as well as he Recollects he was placed under Captain Samuel Jones and some times commanded by Colonel John Mebane and some times by Colonel Moore. That he was marched to Salisbury from thence he was marched down the PeeDee [River] to George Town [sic, Georgetown]. That their march was principally through the Country in pursuit of the Tories and to keep them in Subjection that there was very Little Regularity as to officers. That after a Tour of four months he was marched Back to Hillsboro and discharged that he does not Recollect whether he Got a written discharge or not if he did it is lost or destroyed that he has no Documentary Evidence to show and can only prove his Service by his own oath accept [sic, except] for the oath of his Brother David Ausley and as he is informed he can prove his Services in part by Captain Joseph Johnson. He further States that he performed the whole of his duty during the war faithfully and cheerfully that he was always glad when it came to his Term to serve that he felt more safety and security for his person when in the service that he did at home.

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 any State.

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ Jesse Ausley, X his mark

[standard certificate of belief of age, veracity and service given by Thomas Ragland and George Luther.]

[Partial discharge reads as follows:

“this is to Certify that Jesse Arzley [sic] of Capt. Lanes Company has Sirved his tower of Duty in the militia of wake County under my Command is herby Discharged.

Octer 12th 1781”]

[Jesse Ausley married Mary Esom under license dated Sept. 15, 1826 issued in Cumberland County, NC. According to Mary's application, they were married on Sept. 18, 1826 by Stephen Senter. She states that her husband died at his own house in Chatham County on April 6, 1846.]

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

This day Joseph Johnson personally appeared Before us Thomas Ragland and Abraham G. Keen Two of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after Being Sworn in Due form of Law Deposeeth and sayeth That he was acquainted with Jesse Ausley during the Revolutionary War. That he Joseph Johnson was at the Time his[?] acquaintance Commenced a Continental Officer. That he Recollects on one occasion to have marched the Militia from Wake Court House to Hillsboro and from there to Salisbury and that He Recollects That Jesse Ausley was one of the Militia at that time and that he has been acquainted with Jesse Ausley ever since and that this Same man is he who now Lays in his Claim for a pension and that he was always understood that Jesse Ausley has supported the Character of an honest man and further this deponent sayeth not. Sworn to and Subscribed us this eighth day of August 1833.

S/ Joseph Johnson

S/ Thos Ragland, JP

S/ A. G. Keen, JP

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

This day David Ausley personally appeared before us George Luther, Thomas Ragland, Jr. Two of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after Being Sworn in Due form of Law Deposeeth and sayeth as follows (to wit) That he was acquainted with Joseph Ausley who applies for a pension that he was acquainted with Jesse Ausley Before and during the Revolutionary War. That he Knows of his own Knowledge that Jesse Ausley Went into the Service as a private Several terms But how many terms He Cannot now say. But that he feels Confident he Jesse Ausley Served As often as he states in his Declaration Though he cannot positively Say He Did Serve as Long yet he Believes he Did as Much so as he Believes any thing that he Did not see and take a particular account of[.] And further this Deponent Saith not.

Sworn to and Subscribed before us this 14th day of August 1833.

S/ David Ausley, X his mark

S/ Geo. Luther, JP

S/ Thos. Ragland, JP