

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jonathan Joiner (Joyner) W300 Elizabeth fn29Ga.
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State of Tennessee Hardeman County: October Sessions 1833

Declaration of Jonathan Joiner in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

On this 9th Day of October 1833 personally [appeared] in open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting for Hardeman County aforesaid Jonathan Joiner a resident of the County of Hardeman aforesaid aged 80 years of age or more not having any means of ascertaining his precise 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He first volunteered as a private in Captain Robert Middleton's Company in the State of Georgia in the County of joining the County in which the City of Augusta is situated and marched against the Creek Indians to Colonel Heard's Fort and before we arrived at the Fort the Light horse had relieved the Fort and when we arrived they were in pursuit of the Indians. We marched from the Fort home having been in service one month we were called minute men and was commanded by Colonel Candler the year this declarant cannot recollect but was 18 months before the British took Augusta.

He entered the service the 2nd time as a volunteer minute man of horse under Colonel Benjamin Few and was marched to a place called Brier Creek against the British & Tories and after they dispersed we were marched home having been in service 3 weeks. After the taking of Augusta I again entered the service as a private under Captain Robert Middleton and was marched across into South Carolina and there acted as spies up & down the Savannah River for one month and at this time part of the company returned to Georgia, but this declarant went on immediately and joined General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] and remained in service under General Williamson 5 months and then after the British left Augusta he obtained leave from his officers and went home. He never received any discharge but for the time he served under General Williamson but who of them signed it he does not now recollect as he is very old and his memory frail he lost or destroyed the discharge.

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.

1. Where and in what year were you born

Ans: I was born in South Hampton [Southampton] County State of Virginia. I do not know what year I was born in my Father died before I was born and I was informed the record of

my age in the family Bible was lost, and I have no record of my age.

2. Where did you live when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Ans: I lived in the State of Georgia when I was called into service. I lived since 20 years after the war in North Carolina in Halifax County, and moved to the State of Tennessee Jackson County and from there I moved to Livingston County Kentucky and from there to Hardeman County Tennessee about 10 years since where I now live.

3. How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute.

Ans: I entered the service as a volunteer each tour I served

4. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I am not able to state the names of any more of the officers than is stated in my declaration; there was about 2000 men in service under General Williamson.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans: I am known by West Harris, Elias Fort, Cornelius Cain, General J C N Robertson and a number of other citizens of Hardeman I am also known to the Representative in Congress from this District W C Dunlap

Sworn to in open Court October 9th 1833

S/ Thos. J. Hardeman, Clerk

S/ Jonathan Joiner, X his mark

[Cornelius Cain, a clergyman, and West Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: veteran died in Hardeman County, July 25, 1835; he married in 1789, exact date not shown, in Halifax County North Carolina, Elizabeth, date and place of her birth and her maiden name not stated; Elizabeth was 82 years old when her petition for a widow's pension was granted on application executed November 12, 1846 in Hardeman County, Tennessee; Elizabeth and Jonathan had the following children:

Sally Joyner born June 25, 1791

Poly Joyner born September 11, 1792

Thomas Joyner born January 18, 1796

Jonathan Joyner born August 4, 1799, died September 15, 1804

Henry Joyner born March 13, 1802]