## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Witt W6524 Alice (Alcy) Witt VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 9 Oct 2014.

State of Virginia }
County of Bedford Sct }

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of the said County of Bedford in the state aforesaid, Jesse Witt a resident of the County and state aforesaid, aged according to his belief seventy years on the 11th day of May last past, who being first duly affirmed according to law, doth on his affirmation, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that he enlisted in the army of the United States on the first day of March 1777 with Capt. George Lambert and served in the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers towit Colo [Charles] Lewis who commanded the Regiment in the first instance and Abraham Buford who was the Major of the same, George Lambert [pension application S8810] the Captain Moon the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Rogers the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and Mead the Ensign of the Company in which the applicant enlisted he resided in the said County of Bedford in the aforesaid state at the time of his enlistment and marched from the said County on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1777 with his company which was joined by other companies at Fredericksburg, the route was subsequently through Alexandria Georgetown and Baltimore to the main Army under General Washington then lying at Middlebrook in New Jersey. Upon joining the army the 14th Regiment was a part of the brigade under General Weeden [sic: George Weedon] in the first instance. he continued in the service under the immediate command of General Washington during the whole subsequent period of his service and was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777] in the course of the last mentioned year – after the battle of Germantown (but at what particular period or in what order he cannot remember) Col Davis [sic: William Davies] & Col [Richard] Parker commanded the Regiment and Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] the Brigade to which he belonged. The army to which he was attached went into Winter quarters at Valley forge and in the spring of 1778 crossed the delaware river and pursued the British army through New Jersey to Monmouth and thence they marched to White Plains in New York and afterwards to West Point. at the latter place he was compelled by sickness to quit the field & was sent to a hospital – his company quartered that winter as he understood at Middlebrook in New Jersey, at which place he joined it in the month of May 1779 but his infirmities and & inability were such that he was shortly afterwards sent back to the Hospital and did not join his company again til shortly before his discharge, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September in the year 1779 in the high lands of New York. he received his discharge which was signed by Colo. Parker & Gen'l Muhlenburg. He enlisted for the term of three years and after serving as will be seen from the foregoing dates more than two years, was discharged in consequence of disability incured in the performance of his duty. The discharge given him by Colo Parker & Gen'l. Muhlenburg bears testimony to the fidelity with which he has served his Country, and recommended him to the legislature of Virginia as deserving the attention and assistance of the Government. This discharge he shortly afterwards placed in the hands of the delegates representing his county in the General assembly and was in consequence thereof placed in the invalid pension list and drew for many years half pay or forty dollars per year. The discharge above mentioned he has never seen since he sent it to Richmond and supposes it may be filed and preserved in the archives of the State. – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state except in the State of Virginia.

Affirmed and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Jesse Witt

The following are from pension records in the Library of Virginia. Parts are missing from the online images.]

I do Certify that Jesse Witt a Soldier in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regiment was enlisted on the first day of January 1777 in the County of Bedford to serve three years in the Continental Army from that date. That the said Witt has uniformly conducted himself in every respect as a good and faithful Soldier and that being for many months afflicted with sickness has at length totally lost the use of his left Arm and thereby rendered unfit for any military duty. Jesse Witt is therefore discharged from the service of the United States in the Continental Army and recommended to the particular notice of the that Virg'a as an object [illegible word] worthy their attention. Given under my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept. 1779

> [Burges] Ball Lt Colo Comd't./ 10<sup>th</sup> Virg. Regt. P. [illegible] Muhlenburg [sic] B.G.

(Copy)

Audt's Office July 17 87

I do with the advice of Council hereby Certify that [Je]ssy Witt, aged about [blank] years late a private in the [?]th Virginia Regiment whose pay was at the rate £24 per annum, was disabled in the service of United States, by an illness which deprived him of use of his left arm; and that he is allowed the sum of Twelve pounds yearly from the first of January 1786

Given under my hand, as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 19th of Aug't. 1788

[T] Meriwether Ed Randolph

December 8th 88 Sir

The ballance of my pay is thirteen pounds please to draw me the money if posible & if not a certificate and pay it in to the Trasurer and git an order on the Sherff for the money Jes so Will

I am your most umble servt

To Capt Trigg

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

It appears by the Books in this Office that Jesse Witt a Soldier in the Virginia line on Continental establishment did on the 28th day of Nov'r. 1783 draw a certificate for Forty eight pounds fourteen shillings and two pence for the balance of his full pay

Given under my hand in the Auditors Office this eighteenth day of December 1807

S Lipscombe, Clk

I do also further Certify that Jesse Witt a private in the fourteenth Virginia Regiment was on the list of Pensioners in the year 1788 as appears by a list in this office

S Lipscombe Clk

United States Loan Office State of Virginia.

I hereby certify that Jesse Witt is a Pensioner of the United States at the Rate of Forty Dollars p Annum as appears from the List of Pensioners on the Books of this Office.

Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day December 1807

John Pett Sr [?]/ for John Page [illegible]

## NOTES:

The file includes a copy of a document showing that a Jesse Witt received the pay of a private from 27 Dec 1782 to 15 Nov 1783. This is probably for Jesse Witt, pension application S39893).

On 25 March 1843 Alice Witt, 79, applied for a pension stating that she was married by Parson Holt to Jesse Witt in 1788, who died 3 Feb 1842. With her application is a copy of a statement dated 6 May 1786 signed by Alcy Brown and witnessed by Henry Brown Jr and Samuel Brown that, "I being of age intend marriage to Jesse Witt." There is also a copy of a bond signed by Jesse Witt and Henry Brown, Jr. on 6 May 1786 in Bedford County for the marriage of Witt to Alcy Brown.

On 11 Sep 1843 Alice Witt was said to be 80.

On 23 March 1846 Jesse Witt, administrator in the estate of his mother, Alice Witt, stated that she died on 9 July 1844 leaving the following living children: Lettice Witt, Elizabeth Witt, Daniel Witt, Alice Witt, Milly Witt, and Jesse Witt.