Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Eubank R3380 VA
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State of Kentucky }
Nicholas County sct }

On this 24th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid Joseph Eubank a resident of the said County of Nicholas and State of Kentucky aged seventy-one years and eight months on the 4th day of the present month who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. Towit. In the month of June 1780 I was drafted to serve a tour of three months as a private in the Virginia Militia. I was drafted in Caroline County in the State of Virginia and on the 10th of June we commenced our march in the Company commanded by Captain James Johnson which belonged to Col. George Stubblefield's Regiment of Virginia Militia which composed a part of Gen'l. Steven's [sic: Edward Stevens's] Command. We marched first to Hillsborough in South Carolina [sic: North Carolina] from there we marched to Rugeley's Mill [SC] and there joined Gen'l. Gate's [sic: Horatio Gates's] Army, from there we marched towards Camden in s'd State and within six miles of this Town we met the British Army under the Command of Lord Cornwallis where our Army was defeated [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. We rallied at Hillsborough and at that place I was sent with about 50 or 60 others under the Command of Captain Johnson to guard some prisoners to Winchester in the State of Virginia from there we marched back to Caroline County in the State of Virginia where we were discharged at the expiration of our Term of service. In the spring of 1781 when Virginia was invaded by Philips [sic: Gen. William Phillips] and Lord Cornwallis I was drafted to serve a tour of one month as a private in the Virginia militia. I was drafted in the same County and marched down to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt Gregory Benham [Gregory Baynham] of the first Virginia Regiment which was commanded by Col. [Sampson] Matthews, the Virginia Militia at Williamsburgh being then under the Command of Genl. [George] Weedon. From there we marched to Richmond where we joined the Troops under the command of Genl. LaFayette where we staid till our time was out and we were then discharged. In the month of June or July of the same year I enlisted as a regular soldier for the Term of three years. We waited some time for our equipments and in the fall I was taken sick and lay some time in consequence of which I was not called on that year. The next year I held myself in readiness but in consequence of there being a probability of peace I was not called on either in 1782 or 1783 and in the fall of the latter year the definitive treaty of peace was made and we were all discharged. I had a discharge at the expiration of the first tour but have lost it. At the expiration of the second Tour I got no written discharge. Neither did I get a written discharge at the expiration of my enlistment as we were all discharged by one general discharge, and I know of no living witness by whom I can prove my services. And I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not upon the Pension roll of any agency of any State.

The Court propounded to me the following interrogatories Towit. 1st Where and in what year were you born? 2. Have you any record of your age and if you have where is it? 3rd Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? 4th How were you called into the service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom? 5th 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. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

To the first question I answered that I was born in Caroline County State of Virginia on the 4th of Jan'y 1762. To the 2nd I answered that the time of my birth was recorded in my father's family Bible and I copied it into my own Bible and now have it in my possession. To the 3rd I answered that I was living in Caroline County State of Virginia when I was called into the service. Since the Revolutionary War I lived in the State of Virginia until the year 1795 when I removed to Kentucky where I have lived ever since. To the 4th I answered that the question is answered in the Body of my declaration. To the 5th I answered that Gen'l LaFayette, Baron De Kalb, Major [William] Boyce, Col [Otho Holland] Williams were with the Troops where I served.

To the 6tth I answered that I rec'd a Discharge at the end of the first Term of service but have lost it. It was given by Col. Anthony Thornton who was Col of the County & who is now dead. To the 7th I answered that I was known to Charles MClan [McClanahan] and Thomas Arnold who can Testify to my Joseph Eubantar character for veracity

Sworn to and subscribed the Day and Year aforesaid.

NOTE: The claim was rejected because Eubank did not serve at least six months.