Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Solomon Jackson S16424

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The State of Indiana }

Scott County SS } On this seventh day of November 1832, Personally appeared in open Court, before the judges of the Scott County Circuit Court, held in and for said County, now sitting (being a Court of record) Solomon Jackson a resident of said County, aged seventy one years & eleven months, who first 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 entered the service of the United States in the spring of 1779, as near as he can recollect about the first of March, as a substitute for a man by the name of William Bacom, the name of his captain he does not certainly recollect, but thinks it was John White his Lieutenant was David Burfort, he thinks his Colonel's name was Johnson. he started from Warren County North Carolina his then place of residence, was marched into South Carolina, there got under the command of Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln, was in the service as well as he can recollect about seven months. was marched through South Carolina to Augusta in Georgia crossed Savanna [sic: Savannah] river at Augusta, marched from thence down the Country, and re-crossed Savanna river at a place called Golfin's, into South Carolina, marched from thence down into the neighborhood of Charleston was the night before the battle was fought near St. Johns Island [sic: Johns Island; possibly Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779]. Sent out with 900 others to watch the British from passing out up the river to get fresh water, at which time we took a boat attempting to pass did not get to the main Army next day until after the battle was over. he started out first for only three months as a substitute, but when his time was over as such, his services were required longer, therefore he remained out about four months longer as a volunteer & then returned home. Again in the spring of 1780, he was drafted and went into the service of the United States from Warren County North Carolina, the same place he went from the year preceeding, was marched from there into South Carolina, was in the battle of Camden fought in the month of August (16th he thinks) his officers names he does not recollect. his Lieutenant was by the name of Warren, the army was under the command of Gen'l. Gates, after the battle of Camden we were rendezvoused at Cole's bridge on Drowning Creek, marched from there and crossed Pedee river [sic: Pee Dee River] at Haley's ferry, got under the command of Gen'l. Greene [see note below]. went into the service for only three months but as in the other instance was kept in above seven months, when he returned again to Warren County North Carolina; Again in the month of February 1781 he was drafted again and entered into the service of his Country, started from Warren County North Carolina, joined the Army under the command of Gen'l. Greene near Hillsborough N.C. his captain's name was George Nazery[?]. he was in the battle of Guilford near Guilford Court House, Guilford County N.C. [15 Mar 1781]. the regiment he was in was commanded by Col. Benjamin Williams, Gen'l. [John] Butler commanded the Militia. after the battle of Guilford we went to Ramsey's Mill on deep river, there Gen'l. Greene stopped, and went back into South Carolina near Camden, where there was another battle [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781]. at the time of this battle he was guarding some waggons going to Pedee for some meat, was kept in service until about the middle of October 1781 (he thinks) at which time he was discharged and went home to Warren County North Carolina, as it relates to the particular days or months that he went out except the month of February 1781 & returned the different times, he cannot recollect owing to the lapse of time &c but knows certainly he was in the active service of his country as a revolutionary soldier exceeding eighteen months. he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure at this time that can testify to his services. 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, as this is his first and only application for a [signed] Solomon Jackson

Interrogatories put to the applicant by the Court and his answers to the same. Interrogatory 1st. Where and in what year were you born.

Answer. I was born in Warren County North Carolina, on the 3rd day of December

1760.

Interrogatory 2nd. Have you any record of your age, & if so where is it.

Answer. I have no record of my age.

Interrogatory 3rd. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the

revolutionary war, and where do you now live.

Answer. I lived in Warren County North Carolina when called into service, have lived

since in [illegible] County & Rutherford County North Carolina, & now live in

Scott County Indiana

Interrogatory 4th. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were

you a substitute? & if a substitute, for whom?

Answer The first time I went out, I was a substitute for William Bacom, the other

times I was out I was drafted.

Interrogatory 5th. State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops

where you served, such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect,

and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I cannot recollect the names of the officers nor the general circumstances of

my service, more nor better than I have set out in my declaration.

Interrogatory 6th. Did you ever recieve a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it

given and what has become of it?

Answer I received a discharge at one time, but from whom I do not recollect, nor do I

know what has become of it.

Interrogatory 7th. State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your

neighborhood and who can testify to your character for truth and veracity,

and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. I would refer you to James Ward, James V. White, Robert Meek, James

Goodhue, E. G. English Abraham Noakes, and Edward Tucker all of my neighborhood who have known me for a number of years, who can testify to

my character for truth and veracity &c.

NOTE: Gen. Nathanael Greene replaced Gen. Horatio Gates as commander of the Southern Army about 2 Dec 1780 at Charlotte NC.