

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Duncan S1809 VA
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State of Tennessee Washington County
September Term 1832.

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of the Circuit Court of Law and Equity for said County now sitting Joseph Duncan a resadent of the County of Washington and state aforesaid aged near Eighty one years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following decleration 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. (towit)

He states that in the year 1774 he was a resadent of Wythe County Virginia [formed in 1789 from Montgomery County, which was formed in 1776]. that in the summer of said year as well as now recollected he volenteered in said County under Cap'n. Joseph Crocket [sic: Joseph Crockett] of said County to go against the Shawnee Indians. was marched to the point on the Ohio River at the mouth of the Canawa [sic: Point Pleasant at the mouth of Kanawha River] by way of the levels of Greenbryer [sic: Greenbrier] where his company joined Colonel [Charles] Lewis Regiment and where they remaind some weeks. Andrew Lewis being the Colonel Commandant & Charles Lewis the Lieutenant Colonel. from thence was marched over the Allegany mountains [sic: Allegheny Mountains] to the said point. he states that he was one of the men who was appointed at Greenbryer levels to gard the Beeves from said place to the point where the main army was stationed and arrived within distance of the armies so as to hear the firing of the guns where we left the Cattle and marched on to join the battle [Battle of Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774; see endnote] which was terminated before we got there in favour of the americans which Battle continued nearly one whole day. he states that the americans lost seven or eight hundred men [sic] in said battle. after said Battle the army remained at said place untill an express was sent to Governor Dunmore of Virginia as this declairant understood. was marched from thence over the Ohio River near the Shawne towns so as to see the smoke assending from the chimneys of their huts. when the army was met by Governor Dunmoor and marched back to the point. from thence back through the greenbryer home was verbally discharged by his said Capt. Crocket after having performed a tour of duty at least four months. He states that he was a resadent of Wythe County Virginia in the year 1775 and Enlisted in the Army of the United States in the Summer of said year in said County under Cap'n.. Crocket was marched to Williamsburg Virginia. from thence down to Elizabeth River where Lord Dunmore lay [Dec 1775] who was the former Governor of Virginia. he belives he joined Colonel Woodfords [William Woodford's] Regiment at Williamsburgh. was marched under said Colonel Woodford to Elizabeth River where he remained some days or weeks from there to Philadelphia through Batemore [sic: Baltimore]. he states that he was transfered from the Seventh Virginia Regiment as well as now recollected into Colonel Morgans [Daniel Morgan's] Rifle Regiment but whether before he arived at Philadelphia or after he does not now recollect. but shortly after he joined Morgans Regiment he was appointed 1st Sargent, but in what Cap'ns Company he served as Sargent he does not now recollect. he states that as well as recollected he was marched to a place called Sorato[rest missing; Saratoga] against Bergoyns [sic: Burgoyne's] army went part of the way by watter up the Daware [sic: Delaware] River. had a Battle Defeated Bergoyns army Killed and took them all priseners [17 Sep 1777] he states that he was in the Battle at Chestnut hill [Battle of Whitemarsh, 5 Dec 1777] above Philadelphia and three or four other Battles in the Jerseys – but whether before or after he was marched agains Bergoyns Army he does not now recollect as his recollection has almost entireley failed him. he states he does not recollect who discharged him but he was discharged after having served out his full Term of Enlistment, which was for two years. he states that his said discharge has been lost for many years. he states that he was discharged in some one of the new Englan states but does not recollect which one. he has no documentary evedance

of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. he state there is no resadent minister of the Gospel residing in his neighbourhood who can testify as to neighbourhood repute of his being a soldier of the Revolution. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the presant and declairs that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State
Joseph hisXmark Duncan

NOTE: The Battle of Point Pleasant occurred before the Revolutionary War.