Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Currey (Curry) S2484
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State of Tennessee Wilson County: SS

On this 28th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Worshipful James Foster, Daniel C Hibbitts & James M Martin Esquires presiding Justices of the Peace of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Wilson County now sitting at the Court-House in the Town of Lebanon John Currey of the County of Wilson & State of Tennessee 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.

I was born in Pennsylvania I think in Chester County 30th of April 1762 when about 2 or 3 years of age my Father moved to North Carolina where I remained until 1797. When I was about 17 years of age I was drafted & placed under the command of Captain Jonas Frost, Isham Hancock Lieutenant & Ensign James Lay, and about the first of December 1779 Captain Frost's Company arrived at Charlotte North Carolina from whence we took up our line of march with several Companies towards Charleston South Carolina. We tarried near Camden South Carolina several days & from thence passed on within about a mile of Charleston where we continued about a week before we entered into Town & continued in the service until the 24th of March 1780 agreeable to a certificate of Captain Jonas Frost of General Lillington's [John Alexander Lillington's] Brigade to the southward Hampton & Hamright [Hambright] were the Colonels of the Regiment. Served 3 months.

In the beginning of the succeeding winter I went out a volunteer in Captain Andrew Wilson's Company as first Sergeant and in Colonel James Martin's Regiment & continued in the service the greater part of the winter in which time Colonel James Martin's Regiment were ordered to join General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army & near the latter end of the winter about 25 of Colonel Martin's Regiment were called on to volunteer to pilot Colonel Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Dragoons through the country. I was one of the volunteers & about the first of March 1781 we all went home. Served at least 2 months this time. In August 1781 Captain Andrew Wilson & Captain O'Neal took an excursion against the Tories & on our return I was drafted & placed in Captain A. Phillips [Abraham Phillips'] Company Robert Smal [sic Robert Small?] Lieutenant, James Martin Colonel commandant. Stewart & Phillips' Companies marched on through Randolph & Chatham & I think we formed head quarters in Chatham General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] being the commander. After we joined General Rutherford's Army we crossed Cape Fear River & passed down towards Wilmington & were discharged about 10 or 15 miles of Wilmington. Served 3 months & got discharged. I served in all at least 8

months.

In the year 1797 I removed from North Carolina to Davidson County Tennessee & lived there about 2 years & from thence I removed to Williamson County & lived there about 11 years & from thence I removed to Wilson County & have resided in the same ever since. I have no living testimony or documentary proof of my services in Captain A. Wilson's company but refer to the following gentlemen for their certificate of my character, Joseph Rutland, Zedekiah Tate, Hugh Tulford, Esquire, Ship A. Puckett, Thos. Kirkpatrick, Samuel Brown, John Roach Senior Esquire & others

He therefore prays for the benefit of the Act aforesaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State of the United States. The Discharges accompanying this declaration constitute his documentary evidence of his services.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court September 28, 1832

S/ John Currey

S/ Josiah S McClain, Clerk

[Ezekiel Cloyd, a clergyman, and Zedekiah Tate gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

This is to Certify,

THAT John Curry has faithfully served out his Tour of Duty of three Months, in General Lillington's Brigade, to the Southward.

Charlestown,
March 24, 1780.

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Certified that John Curry soldier in Colonel James Martin's Regiment Captain A. Phillips Company hath faithfully served this present Tower of Duty is hereby Discharge from the same. Certified by us this 20th day of November 1781

S/ Jno. Gillaspie, Majr

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]