Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John C. Jackson S2648 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky Franklin County Sct.

On this twentieth day of April 1833 personally appeared before me Francis Graham one of the Justices of the peace for said County John C Jackson, a resident of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky aged Seventy Six years 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 of the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the state of Virginia Amelia County in the year 1778 he served three tours of duty amounting in all the nine months in the following manner, at the following times and under the following officers. The first tour of duty was performed under Captain Edward Booker whilst he lived in Amelia County Virginia in the year 1778, that this tour of duty was three months long that whilst he was in this tour of duty he does not recollect the names of any of his officers except his Captain. That from Amelia County he was marched to the lower parts of Virginia over the Chickahominy River. That he was during this tour of duty in no battle but was there discharged by a writing under the hand of his Captain which has been lost or mislaid.

The Second tour of duty in the year 1781 was performed under draft by order of General Washington which order was for all the Militia to meet at Chesterfield Courthouse on the first day of January, that this draft was for the term of three months, that he performed this tour of duty under Captain Goode [perhaps Mack Goode] and under General Lafayette, for some length of time when he was placed under General Lawson [Robert Lawson] that whilst he was at this place the Battle of Guilford Courthouse was fought [March 15, 1781]. That from this place they marched against Arnold [Benedict Arnold], who had deserted and become a traitor, that in the lower parts of Virginia he was discharged. –

That the third tour of duty was performed in about three weeks after the Second tour: that in this tour of duty the same officers Commanded as he thinks of this he is not Certain, that he performed this third and last tour of three months. That he is now seventy-six years old as the records of his father would verify, That when he was called into the Service he was a Citizen of Amelia County of Virginia. That he is now a resident of Franklin County & State of Kentucky. That he was drafted for all the tours of duty that he performed. That he knows of no one by whom he can prove the Services aforesaid nor has he any documentary evidence of the aforesaid services.

He further states that from old age and Consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect

with certainty the time when he entered the service or the precise length of his service in any tour but to the best of his recollection he served as above stated –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the United States or any agency of any of them. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John C Jackson

Questions propounded to the applicant by the Court

Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Amelia County State of Virginia in the year 1755.

Have you any record of your age – and if so where is it?

Ans: I had a record of my age which made of the age stated in my declaration but I have lost it.

Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the

Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in Amelia County State of Virginia where I was born, Since the Revolutionary War, I have lived in Franklin County & State of Kentucky where I now live. –

How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Ans: I was drafted every tour of duty I performed.

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?

Ans: I recollect Marquis De Lafayette, General Lawson, & my Captains Booker & Goode. Did you receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Ans: I received a discharge for my first & last tours of duty for the 2nd I received none. They were given by my Captains, and I have lost them.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

I will state the names of James Haydon, Stephen Bryant & Archibald S Bryant [James Hayden, Stephen Bryant & Archibald S Bryant gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]