Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Jarvis S2649
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State of North Carolina Currituck County

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Caleb Etheridge, Benjamin T Simmons, John B Jones and William Bray Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Currituck County and State of North Carolina now sitting Thomas Jarvis a Resident of Currituck aforesaid aged Seventy Seven 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 passed June the 7th 1832. He sayeth that he entered the service in the State Troops of North Carolina – a private Soldier in the year 1775 – that he enlisted [in] Hyde County of this State under Captain Benjamin Stedman, marched to Wilmington North Carolina and joined General Buncomb's [Edward Buncombe's] Regiment was acquainted with General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] and General Williams at the time. Has no evidence of this service nor does he know anyone by whom he can prove it. He left Hyde County in 1779 and came to Currituck County where he has resided ever since. In April 1780, he turned out a volunteer Lieutenant under Captain Alexandria Whitehall [Alexander Whitehall] – and served six months near the Yadkin River in North Carolina Colonel Samuel Jarvis the Commanding Colonel and Isaac Gregory General commanding at the time. He has no documentary evidence but can prove the service by Hosea¹ and Joshua Ball² – Joshua Ball was a soldier in the Company in which I was Lieutenant. He then turned out in December 1780 a Captain under Colonel Samuel Jarvis and General Isaac Gregory and marched with his Company to Great Bridge Norfolk County Virginia and remained in the service until the capture of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] – and was employed on or near the North Carolina and Virginia line and was at this time in service ten months – Of this last service he can prove by Leven Ballance³ 3 months & then the said Levin [sic] was discharged and he can prove by Thomas Ives⁴ 6 months of the service when the said Thomas was discharged.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(Signed) Thos. Jarvis

[Edward Hardy, a clergyman, and Foster Jarvis gave the standard supporting affidavit.] José a Ball and Joshua Ball make oath that they are well acquainted with Thomas Jarvis who has

² Joshua Ball S6554

¹ Hosea Ball S2365

Leven Ballance S6563

⁴ Thomas Ives S20899

subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration and that they know he performed the service stated to be in their knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

(signed) Hosea Ball (signed) Joshua Ball

Levin Ballance maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Thomas Jarvis who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration & he knows he performed the service stated to be in the Knowledge of this affiant.

(Signed) Levin Balance

Thomas Ives maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Thomas Jarvis who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration and that he knows that he performed the service stated to be in the knowledge of this affiant.

(Signed) Thos. Ives

[Spence Hall, the clerk of the County Court certified that the above documents were true copies of proceedings held in said court.]

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State of North Carolina Currituck County

On this the 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before us John B Jones and Benjamin T Simmons and William Bray – Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina Thomas Jarvis Resident of said County who being duly sworn made the amended Declaration to a Declaration made on the 12th day of September 1832, and to which this is attached in presence of the Court.

Thomas Jarvis being sworn deposeth to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department as follows

1st Interrogatory. Where and in what Year were you born

Answer by Jarvis. From the best recollection of the record of my age I was borned in the Year 1755

2nd Interrogation [sic]. Have you any Record of Your age and if so – where is it Answer by Jarvis – I had a Record of my age, but it has been lost or destroyed.

3rd Interrogatory – Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live

Answer by Jarvis – When first I entered the service I lived in Hyde County in this State. I left Hyde County in 1779 and came to Currituck County – where I again entered the service – and have continued to reside in said County ever since the Revolutionary War.

The 4^{th} & 5^{th} Interrogatories the court thinks are sufficiently answered in the former Declaration – To the 6^{th} Interrogatory Jarvis states that he received his Commission as Lieutenant and afterwards as Captain from General Isaac Gregory – and kept them for some time after the Revolutionary War But thinking them of no value has lost or destroyed them.

And the said Court do hereby Certify that Hosea Ball, Joshua Ball, Leven Balance and Thomas Ives the witnesses who testified to the services of said Jarvis in the Declaration to which this is an amendment are credible persons and entitled to be believed & are all men over 70 years of age.

I Spruce Hall Clerk of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Currituck and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a copy of the original amended proceedings of the said Court in the matter of an application of Thomas Jarvis for a

Pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this the 6th day of May 1833 S/S. Hall, C.C.C.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$306.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Captain for 10 months, as a Lieutenant for 6 months, and as a private for 8 months, all in the North Carolina Continental line.]