

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Foree (Force) [Fore] Jesse
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VA

S31039
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[p2] Kentucky certificate 7441
Of Oldham County, private under
Captain Watson of Virginia
8 months
Issued 12Apr1833 @ \$26.66/annum
Suspended with note to see letter in file
S30432 – James Gilmour
<http://revwarapps.org/s30432.pdf> James Gilmour file

[p3] State of Kentucky
Oldham County

On this 7th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before Thomas T Crittenden, the court of Oldham County now sitting, Jesse Force a resident of the County of Oldham and State of Kentucky aged about seventy 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 7th 1832. That he has no record of the day upon which he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. To wit: That he was born in the County of Prince Edward in the state of Virginia in the year 1761. That his father had a record of his age. That his father migrated to Kentucky in early times & died & his family was taken prisoners and the record of his age with everything else destroyed by the Indians. And that he has no record of it himself. That he lived in the county of Prince Edward and State of Virginia when called into service. That after the revolutionary war he lived about eight years in South Carolina. That he then removed to the state of Kentucky, then Shelby County, now Oldham County, where he has lived ever since and where he now lives. That the first tour of duty which he performed was as a volunteer in the militia of Virginia. That he went out under Captain Cunningham to North Carolina. That after arriving in North Carolina, Captain Cunningham's whole company including himself was attached to the brigade commanded by General Stevens. That he then marched on to the battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina. That the whole army was then under the command of General Greene. That in a few days after the battle he received his written discharge from Capt. Cunningham at a place called Ramsay's Mills. That the term of two months for which he had volunteered had expired. That he returned home about one month and then went out as a substitute for his brother William Force under Captain Watson. That he

[p4] marched with Capt. Watson across James River for the purpose of preventing depredations which the British were committing in that quarter. That General Lawson was the chief officer at that time. He served with Captain Watson two months & returned home & stayed a short time and then took the place of John Finn as a substitute under Capt. Couch under General Lawson and went out around James River for the purpose of preventing the depredations of the British afs^d That he served under Captain Couch two months & discharged. The fourth campaign he served he went out under Capt. Mosely. That he marched straight on to the siege of York. That he remained at York until a few days before Cornwallis surrendered when he and the whole of

Capt. Mosely's Company were sent with some prisoners up to Williamsburg and after serving two months was discharged at Williamsburg. That he entered the revolutionary war in the last year of same but at what particular time he does not, after this great lapse of time recollect. He remembers that a brother of Capt. Cunningham was the lieutenant of his company but he does not remember the names of the inferior officers in the other companies. That the _____ discharges which he received have all been lost or destroyed. That he has no documentary evidence to establish the foregoing facts and he knows of no person by whose testimony he can procure to prove the foregoing statements except Joseph Force whose affidavit is hereto attached. He states that he served in all eight months during the revolution. 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. Jesse Force x his mark

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Kentucky, Shelby County, sct

The following is the affidavit or deposition of Joseph Fore [sic] of said county who being first duly sworn saith that Jesse Fore a citizen of Oldham County Kentucky did serve as a soldier in the revolutionary war in the militia of Virginia, Prince Edward County. That he was in the battle of Guilford court house North Carolina. That he was at the siege of York but does not distinctly recollect the whole term of his service nor the officers he served under but supposed he served about two years.



Sept 11th 1832

<http://revwarapps.org/s37939.pdf> Joseph Force file

[routine County certification by
George Bergin, JP, Shelby Co
James T Whitaker, clerk, Shelby Co
Geo N Robinson, deputy clerk, Shelby Co
Elijah Gates, clergy
Jesse Law, neighbor
T.T. Crittenden, judge
A.M. Ballard, deputy clerk
Js R Gwathney, clerk]

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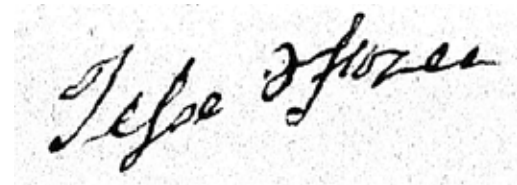
West Port Oldham County, Ky
August 20th, 1835

Sir,

On application to the agent of the pension office at Lexington Ky for my pension inconformity with my certificate from the War Department bearing date April 12th 1833, I was informed by the agent that you had suspended my pension because I had sometimes made my mark in signing the papers and sometimes wrote my name. Although I can write my name, it is probable I have on some occasion made my mark to the signature. If such be the fact it was owing to my infirmity in consequence of advanced age and feebleness and more particularly the fact of my being necessarily to use spectacles of which at the time I made my mark I might have not had the opportunity of using any.

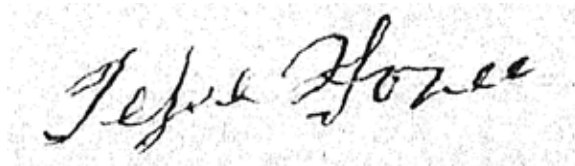
I herewith enclose an affidavit stating my case for your consideration. Both this letter & the affidavit are signed by me with my proper hand although I have had to procure the services of a friend to write the body of both. If these explanations are not sufficient please inform me so soon as convenient what further it is necessary for me to do in order to be revisited on the pension list. I am in the evening of my days and do not expect to be long an incumbrance [sic] on my country, but I am anxious to accept her offered bounty what little time I remain. Please to answer this letter as soon as convenient and oblige..

Your obt servt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Force". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged or textured.

John L. Edwards Esq^r
Com^r Pensions
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State of Kentucky
Oldham County Sct

I Jesse Force of the said county & state, do affirm that I am the same person in whose favor a certificate issued under date of April 12th 1833 and signed by Lewis Cass Secretary of War and countersigned J.L. Edwards Commissioner of Pensions, with the seal of the War Office affixed allowing me to receive twenty six dollars and sixty six cents per annum my natural life commencing the 4th of March 1831. I further state that I can write my name, but sometimes I make my mark, though not often. And when I make my mark to my signature it is mostly owing to the necessity I am under of using spectacles. And not having my spectacles at the time I am called on to sign my name. My name as signed to this certificate is my hand writing. Given under my hand this 20th day of August 1835.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Force". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged or textured.

[county certification by
Washington Carter, JP O C
Albert M Ballard, clerk]
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Treasury Department certificate 15Nov1838 that Jesse Force payment 04Sep1837 to 04Mar1838 has been made.

Notes for Jesse Force S31039

By C. Leon Harris. 16 Feb 2014.

Captain Cunningham = Nathaniel Cunningham

General Stevens = Edward Stevens

battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina: 15 Mar 1781

General Greene = Nathanael Greene

Ramsay's Mills = Ramsey's Mills in Chatham County NC

General Lawson = Robert Lawson

siege of York: Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781