

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Zacheus Cosby S8249

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State of Virginia: Augusta County towit.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the County Court of Augusta now sitting Zacheus Cosby a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged about 80 years according to the best of his knowledge and belief, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1833.

That he entered the service of the United States as "a minute man" [First Battalion of Minutemen] in the year 1776 under the command of Capt James Dabney of Louisa and state aforesaid, Benjamin Timberlake was his lieutenant, James Winston of the County of Hanover was his major and Merideth [sic: Samuel Meredith] of the same county was his Colonel. He rendezvoused with the company at the parade ground near the Fork meeting house in Louisa County on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1776. Thence marched to Hampton, after remaining at that station several weeks marched to Norfolk and Portsmouth. He was discharged at the expiration of six months from the time he entered the service on this first tour, he was in no engagement during this time.

About the first of February 1777 according to the best of his recollection which from his old is somewhat impaired, he again entered the service at the same place in Louisa County mentioned above, under the command of Captain Richard Philips [Richard Phillips], Joined Col [Thomas] Nelson's regiment in Louisa County marched to New Kent Court House thence to Hanover Court House, thence to Bowling Green there meeting an express with information that the enemy had gone down the Potomack [sic: Potomac River], he marched back to Hanover Court House and was there discharged, having been in service on this second tour only four weeks he was in no battle or skirmish during the time.

At the expiration of his first tour of six months Captain Dabney gave him a written discharge which he has lost. his discharge from the last tour of four weeks was merely verbal.

He was born in the County of Hanover in or about the year 1753 the precise year he does not know having no written memorandum to refer to for certain information on that point. Declarant's father moved from the County of Hanover to Louisa County state of Virginia when he was very young, declarant resided in Louisa County until the year 1811 when he removed to the County of Augusta where he has resided ever since.

He knows of no one living to whom he can refer for testimony as to his revolutionary services, but refers to Wm. Calhoun, Joseph Trimble and James Trimble who can testify as to his character for veracity and as to their belief in the truth of his statements and the belief in this county of his having been a soldier of the Revolutionary war. 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 the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first above written

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