

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Ausley<sup>1</sup> W27520

Mary Ausley

f70NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

7/29/07 rev'd 8/2/14

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 6]

State of North Carolina Chatham County: Court of Pleas and Order Sessions August Term 1832

On this the fourteenth day of August A.D. 1832 Jesse Ausley of the County aforesaid, personally appeared, in open Court now sitting – aged Seventy Seven years, who being 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> 1832. That he was Drafted and entered the Service for three months in the Wake County Militia and was marched to Hillsboro to Guard the Legislature then sitting in Hillsboro and served a Tower [Tour] of three months and was discharged. But the year he does not recollect that he was from Wake County and was commanded by Captain Lane [Martin Lane] a part of the time that he was under the command of General Butler [John Butler]. That he has no Documentary Evidence and can only prove his Services by his Elder Brother David Ausley and he further states that he got a discharge But that it is Lost or mislaid also he further states that he was a Second time Drafted in Wake County for a three months Tour and marched to Hillsboro [to] Guard the Legislature and keep the Tories in Subjection that he Served his time out under the command of Captain Swan Trauten [Swan Trouton] and Lieutenant Thomas Swan and under General Butler that he has no further Evidence to establish his Service than as above stated that he has a part of a discharge But a part thereof is Lost and he further states that he was Drafted a third time in the Wake Militia for a three months Tour that he was marched to Hillsborough and put under the command of Captain Tab [James Augustus Tabb] and Major Crofton from Hillsboro he marched to Guilford where the Battle had been fought [March 15, 1781] by Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Cornwallis from thence he was marched under General Greene to Camden South Carolina from Camden he was marched to the high Hills of Santee from thence he was marched back to Camden there they Crossed the Wateree [River] at Camden from thence they marched to Thompson's Fort [Thomson's Fort] when they arrived there the British had evacuated the Fort he was thence marched in pursuit of the British and overtook them at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] there they had an Engagement and Defeated the British and pursued them nearly to Moncks Corner near Charleston, he was then marched Back to the high Hills of Santee there his Term of Service Expired and he was discharged and returned home he has a discharge which is here unto annexed but for which Term of Service he is unable to say and he further sayeth that after he returned home he Removed to Chatham County. That soon after he removed to Chatham he entered the Service as a Substitute for Elijah Cain in what was called the State Troops. That he was marched [to] Hillsboro and there as well as he Recollects he was placed under Captain Samuel Jones and sometimes commanded by Colonel John Mebane and sometimes by Colonel Moore. That he was marched to Salisbury from thence he was marched down the PeeDee [Pedee River] to George Town [Georgetown]. That their march was principally through the Country in pursuit of the Tories and to

---

<sup>1</sup> BLWt78031-160-55

keep them in Subjection that there was very Little Regularity as to officers. That after a Tour of four months he was marched Back to Hillsboro and discharged that he does not Recollect whether he Got a written discharge or not if he did it is lost or destroyed that he has no Documentary Evidence to show and can only prove his Service by his own oath accept [except] for the oath of his Brother David Ausley and as he is informed he can prove his Services in part by Captain Joseph Johnson. He further States that he performed the whole of his duty during the war faithfully and cheerfully that he was always glad when it came to his Term to serve that he felt more safety and security for his person when in the service that he did at home.

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 in open Court.

S/ Jesse Ausley, X his mark

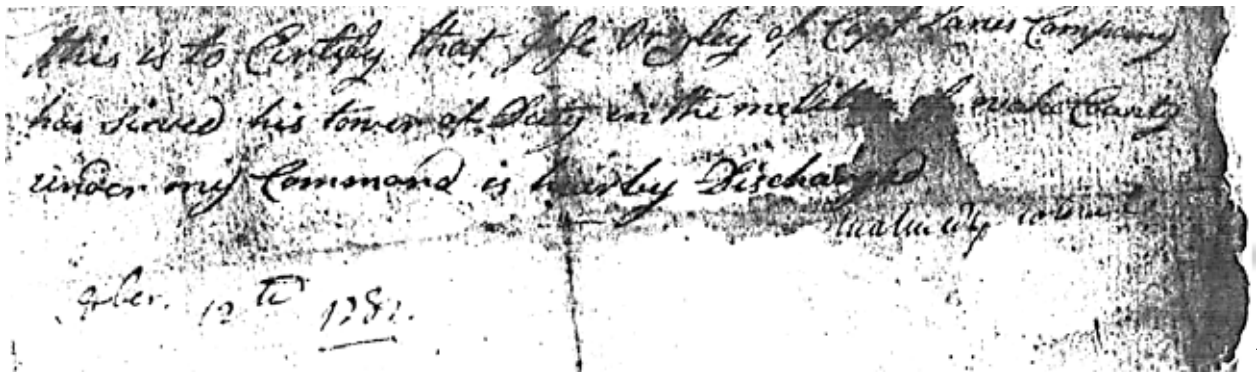
[standard certificate of belief of age, veracity and service given by Thomas Ragland and George Luther.]

[p 3: discharge reads as follows:

"this is to Certify that Jesse Orzley [sic] of Capt. Lanes Company has Sirved his tower of Duty in the militia of wake County under my Command is herby Discharged.

Malmady Colonel"

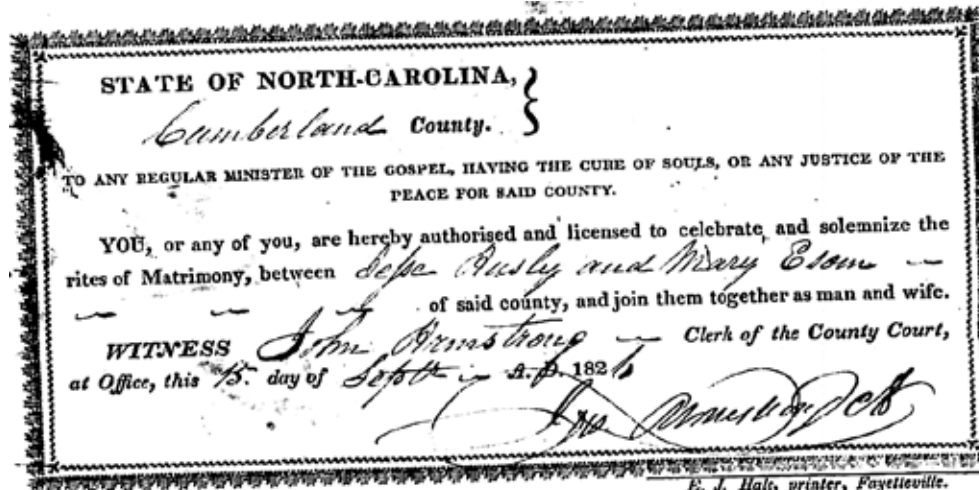
Dber 12<sup>th</sup> 1782



This is to Certify that Jesse Orzley of Capt Lanes Company has Sirved his tower of Duty in the militia of wake County under my Command is herby Discharged  
Malmady Colonel  
Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1781.

[Jesse Ausley married Mary Esom under license dated Sept. 15, 1826 issued in Cumberland County, NC. According to Mary's application, they were married on Sept. 18, 1826 by Stephen Senter. She states that her husband died at his own house in Chatham County on April 6, 1846.]

[p 16]



STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, }  
Cumberland County. }

TO ANY REGULAR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, HAVING THE CURE OF SOULS, OR ANY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR SAID COUNTY.

YOU, or any of you, are hereby authorised and licensed to celebrate, and solemnize the rites of Matrimony, between Jesse Ausley and Mary Esom of said county, and join them together as man and wife.

WITNESS John Armstrong Clerk of the County Court,  
at Office, this 15. day of Sept. 1826

E. J. Hale, printer, Fayetteville.

[p 34]

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

This day Joseph Johnson personally appeared Before us Thomas Ragland and Abraham G. Keen Two of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after Being Sworn in Due form of Law Depoeth and sayeth That he was acquainted with Jesse Ausley during the Revolutionary War. That he Joseph Johnson was at the Time his acquaintance Commenced a Continental Officer. That he Recollects on one occasion to have marched the Militia from Wake Court House to Hillsboro and from there to Salisbury and that He Recollects That Jesse Ausley was one of the Militia at that time and that he has been acquainted with Jesse Ausley ever since and that this Same man is he who now Lays in his Claim for a pension and that he was always understood that Jesse Ausley has supported the Character of an honest man and further this deponent sayeth not. Sworn to and Subscribed us this eighth day of August 1833.

S/ Joseph Johnson<sup>2</sup>



S/ Thos Ragland, JP

S/ A. G. Keen, JP

[p 36]

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

This day David Ausley personally appeared before us George Luther, Thomas Ragland, Jr. Two of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after Being Sworn in Due form of Law Depoeth and sayeth as follows (to wit) That he was acquainted with Joseph Ausley who applies for a pension that he was acquainted with Jesse Ausley Before and during the Revolutionary War. That he Knows of his own Knowledge that Jesse Ausley Went into the Service as a private Several terms But how many terms He Cannot now say. But that he feels Confident he Jesse Ausley Served As often as he states in his Declaration Though he cannot positively Say He Did Serve as Long yet he Believes he Did as Much so as he Believes any thing that he Did not see and take a particular account of[.] And further this Deponent Saith not.

Sworn to and Subscribed before us this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833.

S/ David Ausley, X his mark

S/ Geo. Luther, JP

S/ Thos. Ragland, JP

[p 17: On May 12, 1855 in Chatham County North Carolina, Mary Ausley, 77, filed a bounty land claim as the widow of Jesse Ausley; in this document she states that she married him September 18, 1826; that they were married by Stephen Senter, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Esom; and that her husband died in Chatham County North Carolina April 6, 1846. She signed this document with her mark.]

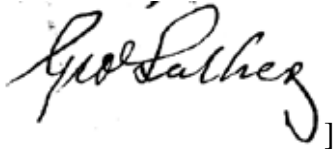
[p 19: On December 12, 1855 in Harnett County North Carolina, Mary Ausley, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jesse Ausley, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$44.44 per annum; that she married him September 18, 1826 and that her husband died April 6, 1846. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 43: In December 1855 in Harnett County North Carolina, George Luther, 71, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Jesse Ausley, his uncle, for many years before his uncle's marriage to Mary

---

<sup>2</sup> [Joseph Johnson S7093](#)

Esom; that he lived a near neighbor to them after their marriage.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Geo. Salter", followed by a closing bracket "]" on the right side.

[p 40: On May 21, 1866 in Harnett County North Carolina, Mary Ausley, aged about 85 years filed for the reinstatement of her pension benefit as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]