Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Jackson W370

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State of Illinois, Morgan County

On this 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before William Woods, James Green & William Gillham Judges of the County Commissioners court of said County now sitting Joseph Jackson a resident of Morgan County Illinois aged Seventy two 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, about the month of March 1780 he volunteered to serve a tour of duty in the Militia of three months as the Haw River Presbyterian Meeting House Guilford County North Carolina, he at that time resided in the said County of Guilford under Captain Andrew Wilson [Andrew Wilson] of that County, there was a Regiment formed and that County the troops were mustered into service and the Regiment organized at Guilford Courthouse in all was or September 1780 Colonel John Paisley commanded the Regiment and one Thomas Blair was second in command. The Regiment marched to Charlotte and there joined the Army under the command of

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Genl. Sumner,-- Genl -[missing text]]

Catawba river, but returned to Guilford [missing text]

of the near approach of the British Army. This deponent does not recollect the various movements of the Americans or British Army about this time, he remembers that Colonel Paisley's Regiment was discharged or dismissed from the Army at a place called New Providence, and marched Back to Guilford Courthouse, where the men were discharged the deponent was not in any engagement or Battle during this service, immediately upon his return Home, he was again called on to enter the Service as a volunteer, at this time the British & Tories were passing through the Country in almost every direction, and the "Whigs" found it necessary for the protection of themselves, their property & their families to keep themselves in constant readiness for "action," "pursuit," or "retreat," the above named Captain Andrew Willson called on his company for volunteers, the deponent volunteered, the company did not march on any regular Campaign, but acted in the County for the protection of the lives & property of the "Whigs" or American party, the company continued in the service until they Battle of Guilford Courthouse in March 1781 [March 15, 1781]. This deponent cannot at this time say How long he was in service, but according to the best of his recollection he was in service from August or September 1780 until April 1781, he never received any pay or compensation for his services, he received a written discharge for the first three months service, but he has long since lost the

same, he has no documentary evidence by which to prove his service, he does not know of but one man who served with him in the Army, his name is Thomas Hamilton¹ he resided (if living at this time) in Sumner County Tennessee, Joseph Summers of Morgan County Illinois was acquainted with deponent during the war, and knows that deponent left up home to go into the Service & knows from Report that he actually served, he is known to Thomas Cowhick & Lawrence Killebrew and John Summers all of whom reside in his neighborhood, The deponent states that he was born in Bucks County Pennsylvania in 1760 his father removed to Guilford County North Carolina about the year 1770. After the War deponent removed to Marlborough County South Carolina remained there six years, then removed back to Guilford County North Carolina, and remained there a short time & then moved to Pendleton County South Carolina, remained there two years. He then removed to Sumner County Tennessee, remained there [word obliterated] years; & removed to and settled in Morgan County Illinois in 1829 and he now resides in the said County of Morgan – the deponent has no record of his age, and he states his age from information derived from an older brother now dead, and from his parents.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 or Territory.

S/ Joseph Jackson

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid,

S/ William Gillham S/ William Woods S/ James Green

Joseph Jockson

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Joseph Summers² being sworn states that he is well acquainted with Joseph Jackson who has subscribed the foregoing declaration that he was well acquainted with him during the Revolutionary war in Guilford County North Carolina, he knows that the said Joseph Jackson served in the Revolutionary War but he does not know how long, he is satisfied, that said Joseph Jackson served as stated in the foregoing declaration from information received from others and from his own knowledge of the facts.

S/ Joseph Summers, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Gillham S/ William Woods S/ James Green

[Lawrence Killebrew, a clergyman, John Summers and Thomas Cowhick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned Nathan Stacy a justice of the peace the applicant, Joseph Jackson the identical person who made application before the County Commissioners Court on the 22nd September 1832, for a pension who being duly sworn deposeth and saith [text missing][top of p 14] [text missing] swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – For three months I served as a private from March 1780 until June

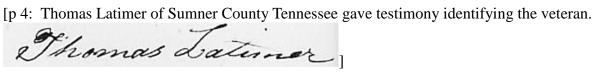
¹ MAY BE the same man as Thomas Hambleton (Hamilton, Hambilton) S32301

² Joseph Summers S31399

1780. Also further for eight months I served as a private from August 1780 until April 1781 and for such service I claim a pension – making the whole period in which I served as a private in the Army during the Revolutionary War Eleven months.

S/ Joseph Jackson

[p 3: On November 11, 1834 in Sumner County Tennessee, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Illinois agency to the Tennessee agency stating that he has two daughters (not named) living in Tennessee one of whom is a widow; that he has a little property in Tennessee; and that he intends to reside in Sumner County Tennessee. He identifies himself as having belonged to the company commanded by Andrew Wilson in the Regiment commanded by John Pasely [sic].]



[p 18: On October 10, 1850, Margaret Jackson, aged about 85, made application in Sumner County Tennessee for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Jackson, a pensioner of the United States, that she married the said Joseph Jackson July 17, 1784. She does not state in this document when her husband died. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 27: On July 12, 1851 in Sumner County Tennessee, the widow, aged 86, made another application for a pension. In this document she states that she married Joseph Jackson in July 1784 and that he died October 11, 1844. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Veteran appears to have died in Morgan County, Illinois October 11, 1844. Margaret (Peggy) Lyster Jackson, his widow, was allowed a pension while a resident of Sumner County, Tenn in 1850. Reference is made in the file to the following children of Joseph and Margaret Jackson: Nancy, Mary, William and Nathan.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]