

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Herring (Hering) W7725¹ Enomy (Naoma) fn55NC
Transcribed by Will Graves 5/2/11

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State of Georgia Gwinnett County: Inferior court November adjourned Term 1832

On this the 23rd day of November 1832 Personally appeared in open Court (it being a Court of Record) Jesse Herring aged seventy years and 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 the 17th of June 1832.

That he entered the service as herein after stated under the following named officers to wit – that he entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Wayne & State of North Carolina for a three months Tour in the month of September 1778 under the Command of Captain Joseph Boon who was a Commissioner appointed to raise a public Store – Lieutenant John Fellow, Ensign John Broadstreet & Major McKinny [McKinney] attached to Colonel Richard Caswell's Junior Regiment under General Caswell – he was engaged during this service in driving hogs to New Bern & carrying Pork down the River to New Bern &c at the end of the Service he received a discharge which he has since lost – or mislaid – That afterwards in March 1779 he volunteered in the light horse Service under the Command of Captain Jesse Jernigan – Major Robert White's Battalion Colonel Caswell's Regiment General Caswell's brigade or division – Ezekiel Slocumb² was Lieutenant & Jesse Grantham Ensign – for a three month tour – we were engaged during this tour scouting about after the Tories at the end of the tour he received a second discharge which has been lost or mislaid. In the year 1780 Colonel Linton came with his Light foot & horse men amongst the paroled men in the month of June of that year he volunteered under the command of Captain David Jernigan for a three month Tour Ezekiel Slocum was Lieutenant & John Carriway Ensign – they were under different Commanders during this Tour they were engaged in a number of skirmishes with the Tories & British he remained in the Service until news came that Wallace

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² A veteran by this name claimed a pension for service in Wayne Company, NC, but did not claim for service in an officer higher than as sergeant. [Ezekiel Slocumb S7526](#)

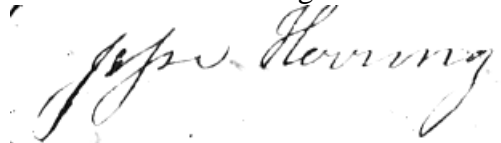
[Lord Charles Cornwallis] was taken.

That he got no pay for his services. That the two discharges which he received has been lost that he could have got a discharge for his last service by going to Kingston [Kinston] – That he did not think that it would be any advantage to him. That he remained a citizen of Wayne County where he was born on the 31st of August 1762. That he remained in that County a number of years after the war he then moved into Darlington County South Carolina he believes in 1795 he removed from there into Walton County in this State & from there into the County and from this County back into Walton & from there back again into Gwinnett County where he now resides – That he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the above stated Services.

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 & year aforesaid

S/ Jesse Herring



[Jonathan Fincher, a clergyman, and Silas Spikes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Gwinnett County: Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of said County personally appeared Jesse Herring the person who has made the annexed declaration in order to obtain a pension and after being duly sworn saith that – The first Tour of duty was performed in North Carolina in Wayne County, Dobbs County & Craven County – that in the second tour he entered the service in said County of Wayne – marched to Hurst's Bridge Duplin County there stationed for a short time & was engaged scouring the Country in scouting parties after the Tories & British then marched back to Spring Bank on Neuse River in said County of Wayne – then marched to Kingston [Kinston] Dobbs County NC and there he received from Colonel Richard Caswell his discharge. That the third tour of duty & term of service was rendered in the same quarter – he entered this service in said County of Wayne – Marched to Kingston then marched to Holms [Holmes] Mills to disperse some Tories – then to Duplin old Court House – there stationed & in scouting parties scoured the Country for Tories then marched to Trenton – then returned to Duplin at this time his term of service having expired he ~~received a discharge~~ entered the service again at that place as a volunteer in the Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Harrison to remain as long as the service required him – this Company was attached [to] Major Mourning's Battalion & Colonel McKinney's Regiment which was under the command of General Caswell that this term of service was continued until Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] was taken the Company was then disbanded & he returned home this service was rendered in Sapson [Sampson] – Craven – [paper torn and text missing] & Wayne Counties North Carolina & was employed as in the other Services in scouting parties in preventing & furnishing the depredations of the Tories & dispersing them when they would assemble – this last service continued for eight months. That Mills Jernigan, Barney Hamilton & Joseph Shiporn were his messmates in the first service – Thomas Daughtrey, Emmett Baggett & Jesse Jernigan were of his mess in his second service – Stephen Jernigan – Stephen Slocumb & Willis Corneway [? Carraway?] were his mess

[mates] in the third service Stephen Lassiter – Alexander Smith & Edward Smith³ were his mess [mates] in the fourth & last service.

That he was born on the 31st day of August 1762 in the County of Wayne & State of North Carolina: the County was then a portion of Dobbs County – That the Record of his age was in a Book which was sold at the sale of his mother's property & that consequently he has no record of his age –

Deponent further states that the last service was omitted to be stated in the order that it was now stated by the person who drafted his declaration and further that his whole service was performed as a mounted or a light horseman.

That Jonathan Fincher a clergyman & Silas Spikes who have already testified – Elijah Vinson & Stephen McPherson & others of his neighbors can testify to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution and for such service he claims a pension.
S/ Jesse Herring

Sworn to & subscribed before made this first June 1833
S/ Wm W. Downs, JP

[Facts in file: Veteran died in Gwinnett County Georgia either on December 8, 1834 or December 7th, 1835, both dates are set forth in different documents in the file; veteran married June 10, 1793 in Darlington District South Carolina, Enomy or Naoma Jones or Smith; the widow referred to her name prior to her marriage as Jones in one document and Smith in another without giving any explanation as to the use of the different names; the widow was allowed her pension on application dated July 6, 1855 when she was living in Cherokee County Alabama and was 82 years of age; the children of the veteran and his widow were as follows:

Alen K. born May 10, 1794

David born September 6, 1797

Alexander born October 14, 1800

Frederick born October 30, 1804

James G. H. born January 28, 1807

Daniel born July 6, 1809

Jesse P born June 28, 1811

Elizabeth born June 2, 1815]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27.35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months & 17 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

³ I checked each of the fellow soldiers named by applicant as being his messmates in his various tours without finding any of them as having filed for a pension from the federal government.