Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Jackson¹ W9332 Sarah Jackson f41VA
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State of Kentucky Clark County Sct.

On this 6th day of October 1832, personally appeared before me Richard French the sole Judge of the Clark Circuit Court for the County and State aforesaid (the said Court being expressly made a Court of Record by act of assembly establishing the same) Josiah Jackson, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-five years on the 19th day of December last – 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. He entered the service in the time of the Revolutionary War in Amelia County and State of Virginia where he then resided under Captain Lewis Ford for the term of three months and served until he was discharged which he thinks was at the end of the three months for which he entered – he does not remember the names of any of the Field Officers or Company Officers except this said Captain and __ Booker [probably George Booker] who was his Lieutenant. From the County of Amelia we were marched to Petersburg and from thence to a place on James River (the name of the place not recollected) where we remained until we were discharged. Captain Ford discharged him by parol – and he never had any written discharge. He was called out on the above tour to prevent the British from crossing James River – he does not remember the day or month when he performed this Tour which he thinks was in the year 1780 about the time General Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] was passing through Virginia with his light horse – He and those who served with him on this Tour were called by divisions – that is (to say by tens) in a company, and he therefore supposes he was drafted. – During the first Tour he was put under Green a Wagon Master – and served under said Wagon Master in the transportation of baggage, provisions &c – until at the end of the Tour he was discharged by Captain Ford as aforesaid during this Tour he was bound to Service as a Soldier and never made any contract to get paid for his Services in any way.

The Second tour that he served was for three months, he was then called out by divisions as in the first tour, was rendezvoused at Richmond thence marched down James River but upon the opposite side to that on which he was first stationed on his first tour – (name of the place not remembered) – the object was again to prevent the British light horse from passing James River – from thence we were marched up James River watching the movements of the British to

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Albemarle County – we were then marched to a place near Richmond – where he remained in service until he was discharged – but by whom he was discharged he does not remember – He does not recollect the names of any of his Field or Company officers on this last Tour except the name of the Wagon Master which was Anthony Hunley. – During this Tour he was again employed under Hunley in the transportation of Baggage, munitions of war, provisions for the American Soldiers – He does not remember the day or month when he performed this Second tour but thinks it was in 1781 when the British light horse & Army were aiming to come to Richmond Virginia – he was never in any engagement – and always served as a militia man.

He also hired two men as substitutes for him, to serve tours each of three months in the American Army during the Revolutionary war who did serve as far as he knows or believes there respective tours – but he does not remember their names, the day, month or year when they entered the service, nor the names of any of the officers Field or company under whom they served –

He has no documentary evidence of his Service – but he is known to Benjamin Lockett and Captain John Morton of Clark County who can testify that he was in the Service. He is also known to David Hampton Esquire, Chilton Allen Esquire our present member of Congress, James Clarke Esquire his son Francis F Jackson – & others – who can testify to his credit and character as a man and their belief of his 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 – he further states that he is blind and from age and bodily infirmity is unable to go to the Clark Circuit Court – he lost his wagon and eight horses, by their having pressed into the American service during the Revolutionary War, at a time when he himself was not in the Service. He was born in Amelia County Virginia – moved to Kentucky in 1786 – lived nearly a year in what is now Madison County and ever since in Clark County Kentucky & has no record of his age.

[p 18: Benjamin Lockett, aged 70 years as of August 27th 1832, gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he was born in Amelia County; that knew the veteran while they both lived in Amelia County Virginia; knows that the veteran served 2 tours of duty in the service during the Revolution the length of which he cannot remember; that both tours were driving wagons; that the veteran served at least one tour under Anthony Hunley; that the affiant knows of no contract by which Jackson was to be paid for his services; that affiant moved to Clarke County in 1803 where he found Jackson then living there.

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[p 19: Francis F Jackson also gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he was born in Amelia County Virginia February 4, 1776 and is the son of the veteran; he remembers that his

father served 2 tours of duty as a soldier in the revolution; that his father lost 8 horses and a wagon during the revolutionary war.



[p 20: John Morton, 76, gave testimony in support of the veteran's claim in which he states he was well acquainted with the veteran in Amelia County Virginia; that he understood that the veteran lost his wagon and some horses during the revolution while in service; that he, affiant, also knew Captain Lewis Ford who served as a militia Captain in the year 1780 and 1781; affiant also was acquainted with Anthony Hunley, who was a wagon master in Virginia during the revolutionary war; that Hunley brought some horses to the affiants blacksmith shop to be shod with steel shoes; that the affiant was 76 years of age as of August 16, 1832; that he removed to Kentucky from Prince Edward County Virginia in 1790 and now lives on his farm in Clark County.



[p 10: On September 8, 1857, Sarah Jackson, aged past 85 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Josiah Jackson who died in Clark County in the year __ in August (?) about 20 years ago who at the time of his death was a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married Josiah Jackson in Madison County Kentucky about 40 years ago and that her name at the time was Sarah Ray alias Strupes. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 6: On September 8th, 1857 in Clark County Kentucky, Sarah Jackson, past 85 years of age, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Josiah Jackson; that she married him in Madison County Kentucky December (?) 17th (?) 18__; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Ray alias Strupes; that her husband died in Clark County Kentucky in August 1837 or 1836. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 34: On September 8, 1857, in Clark County Kentucky, Josiah A. Jackson, 48 gave testimony that he was acquainted with Josiah Jackson said to be a revolutionary pensioner; that when Josiah Jackson died he left a widow Sarah Jackson who he understands remains his widow; that he has not seen her for many years but believes she is yet a widow; that he has always heard and understood that Josiah and Sarah were lawfully married when affiant was very small – possibly before affiant was born; that the widow's maiden name was Sarah Ray.

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[His relationship, if any to the veteran is not stated]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as

² Francis F Jackson is referred to in other affidavits in this file as "Colonel Francis F Jackson."

a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]