

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Jackson S38077

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State of Kentucky, Pike County

On this 25th day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Pike County Court, James Jackson a resident of Kentucky in the County of Pike age 76 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to attain the benefit of the provision made by 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. His first enlisted in the state troop of North Carolina in the month of October 1778 under Col. Charles McDowell in the State of North Carolina, in the County of Burke for three years, his Captain was by the name of Thomas Whitson, Lieutenant Lytle. Colonel McDowell's Regiment was made up and we marched up the Catawba River to the said thereof to fight the Tories and some Cherokee Indians this was in the fall of 1778 in November we had three fights with the Indians in three different places, in one of the said fights his Captain was wounded, and one Zeb Sheton [?] was killed and Captain White was wounded and afterwards died after he got home, we then moved all the settlers on the Catawba down to the Quaker Meadows where Colonel McDowell then lived, after we done this Col. McDowell raised 160 horsemen and again went back to the head of the River this was in December 1778, and rendezvoused at Sam Davidson's Fort that winter and scouted against the Cherokees all the spring of 1779, and then went back to the Quaker Meadow and remained there about six weeks and again we returned to the Fort (Davidson Fort aforesaid) and during that year of 1779 we had one scrimmage with the Indians on a Creek called Swannanoa, a tributary stream of French Broad River, the whites prevailed in [this] conflict, and a good many Indians were killed McDowell was wounded and Tom Whitson, his Captain – still commanded him, he had got well of wounds he had received – this was in May 1779-- he remained in the Fort chiefly till fall 1779 and stayed from November 1779 to March 1780 entirely in the Fort, this Fort was kept up and men was stationed here during the war in deed long before the war. This applicant states that he was then ordered to remain altogether in the Fort in as much as he was an only foot man during this year. The Indians made several attacks and one occasion the Fort lost one man by the name of Henry Wakefield this was in July 1780. The Fort was frequently annoyed by the Tories and they had several running fights with them that winter – he still stayed at the Fort during the time he states here. Some of the men was taken to go to King's Mountain but this applicant did not go. McDowell went, this was in the summer or fall of 1780, he thinks, next year 1781 Cornwallis marched through Carolina and Whitson and his men was ordered to Join General Greene, he was placed under one Colonel Malmedy a “Frenchman” the company of men that were left the Fort marched to Salisbury in Rowan [County] in February 1781 and joined them, but did not get to do so till in May 1781, and marched with the Army but was not in the battle of Ninety Six but was out guarding prisoners that were Morgan took he remained in service till the battle of Eutaw Springs 1781, and was in that battle, this was in South Carolina, we marched from Hobkirk directly there, in this battle the Americans succeeded and took some prisoners. He was then sent back to guard the prisoners to North Carolina under Captain Gordon. They carried them to “Bell Brave” [sic] in N.C. near Salisbury about 3 miles therefrom – he stayed there and guarded them till November 1781 his time of enlistment & service having expired, he received his discharge from Colonel Locke, who was our Colonel at that time, he knew some Continental Regiment during his service in officers, Col. Howard he knew, General Nath. Greene, Gen. Sumner (he commanded the nine months men) General Rutherford, Colonel Davidson who was killed at Baety Ford [sic, Beatties Ford is the reference the applicant was using but General William Lee Davidson was killed at Cowan's Ford] and Colonel Locke and Colonel Malmedy, Col. McDowell and many others forgotten. He wishes to be understood that he is not positive to dates-- he does not know what has become of his discharge, it's gone, his memory is much shattered and he

cannot [indecipherable word, looks like “relevant”] positively as to time his service was one continued unbroken chain of service – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Jackson, Sr.

[William Tackitt, a clergyman, and Moses Stepp gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by Court

1st When and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Orange County Virginia in the year 1757.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have not, and he only knows his age by tradition.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in Burke [County] N. C. I moved to this place more than two and thirty years ago and I now live in Pike County Kentucky.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I enlisted under Colonel McDowell for three years as a common soldier

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I recollect Colonel McDowell, General Greene, Colonel Malmedy, Colonel Locke, Colonel Davidson, General Sumner, General Rutherford, Captain Gordon & many more, he has forgot and, he states that he enlisted as a common soldier for three years under McDowell and served at Sam Davidson's Fort about two years and more on the frontier, to keep down the Indians this was in 1778, 1779, 1780 in 1781 he Joined General Greene and was in the battle of of the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina in his service in the Fort he had several fights with the Indians – he guarded the prisoners that was taken from the British and marched back to North Carolina under Captain Gordon, & remained near Salisbury till November 1781 he received his discharge for his three years service from Colonel Locke

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received a discharge from Colonel Locke himself, in he don't know what has become [of] it, it has been so long ago

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Moses Stepp, Square Des King, Thomas Bevins, John Bevins, Thomas and Joseph Shep, Henry Smith--

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On this 25th day of November 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for said County, ~~Thomas~~ Moses Stepp¹ and Joseph Ford who on oath made the following statements --

That he Stepp was well acquainted with James Jackson in the Revolutionary War, that he served under Colonel Charles McDowell for three years or thereabouts, that he afterwards was at the battle of Eutaw Springs, I have been acquainted with all his life raised boys together – this affiant is 76 years of age, and further this affiant saith not.

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S/ Moses Stepp

Joseph Ford² aged 74 years states on oath that he became acquainted with James Jackson during the Revolutionary War that said Jackson was in the State troops of North Carolina commanded by Charles McDowell his Captain was by the name of Thomas Whitson, they were then stationed at the Fort, he has often seen Jackson since and although he does not know it to be the fact it that said Jackson was under General Greene at Eutaw Springs and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Joseph Ford