

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Starkey R10072

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Virginia Botetourt County Sct.

This day Samuel Colter<sup>1</sup> came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County and made oath that he Samuel Colter was a regular Soldier in the Army of the United States during the revolutionary War and that Jonathan Starkey was a regular Soldier also in the same Army and that said Starkey was in the Virginia line commanded by General Harrison he believes and was at the Siege of York.

Witness my hand & seal this 16th of June 1828

S/ Thos. Fowler, JP

Virginia County of Franklin

I Jonathan Starkey aged about seventy-four years & a citizen of the aforesaid County and State do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until the termination at which period I was a private in a Captain's company whose name I have now forgotten said Company belonged to Colonel Harrison's Regiment of the Virginia line to the best of my Recollection I served in several captains companies while in the above service and in particular I served in Captain Slaughter's Company all of the Virginia Continental line which service entitled me to a Reward of \$80 under a Resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 but I never received those Certificates in my discharge has been destroyed by fire and I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of May 1828 on the pension list of the United States witness my hand this 2nd day of May 1831

S/ Jonathan Starkey, X his mark

Virginia Franklin County

I do Certify that I knew Jonathan Starkey of this County before the Revolutionary war I saw him while he was in the Army of that war and I don't remember to have heard any complaint of his conduct in the Army of the Revolutionary war but his officers I don't recollect.

May the 7th 1831

S/ Shelton Taylor

Virginia Franklin County SS

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Moses Greer Jr., Henry Carper, Pleasant Dickerson and Richard M Taliaferro Justices of the court of

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S39352. Colter is listed as having served in the Pennsylvania Line.

Franklin County now sitting Jonathan Starkey a resident of said County and State, aged eighty-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 enlisted for the term of four years on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year \_\_ (in the time of the revolutionary war) in the state of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain \_\_ Slaughter which was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison in the line of the State of Virginia as he verily believes – and on Continental establishment as he also believes, that he continued to serve faithfully in said Corps until the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year \_\_ after the capture of Earl Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at York Town Virginia – that having been in service more than four years, he was discharged from said service near York town Virginia, that he has applied heretofore for a pension which he could not obtain because the proof he exhibited as he was told did not establish clearly whether he was on state or Continental establishment – although it establish clearly his military services – He is told by the representative in Congress from this District that this proof he supposes and believes is in the Treasury Department to which he refers. This applicant states that he has reason to believe that a pension would have been allowed him heretofore but that the witnesses whose depositions are already in the department could not say distinctly that he was on Continental service although they knew he was in service as he states during a part of the revolutionary war as aforesaid – he was discharged as he believes by Colonel Harrison but has lost his discharge, he was born in the state of Maryland, and lived in Bedford County Virginia when he entered the service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Rolls of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jonathan Starkey, X his mark

[Moses Greer Junior, a clergyman, and Joab Early gave the standard supporting affidavit.]