

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Calhoon R1599

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State of Georgia, County of Dooly

On this the 3rd day of May A.D. 1851 personally appeared before me John H. Taylor one of the judges of the Inferior Court of the County of Dooly (it being a Court of record) Joseph Calhoon a resident of the 535th district Georgia Militia in said County of Dooly, and State of Georgia, aged eighty-seven years the 10th day of January last past, 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 the 7th A.D.1832.

He states that he was sixteen years of age on the 10th day of January A.D. 1780, and that a few days thereafter, which was on or about the 15th day of January A.D. 1780, he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the following named officers to wit: Captain Lee [Simon Lee], Major McCall and Colonel Hunter [Thomas Hunter] (the names of the other company officers he says he has forgotten) and served as herein stated from on or about the 15th of January A.D. 1780 all the time up to the Battle of Little York which he is informed was on the 19th day of October 1781 (which is 19 months and four days) when he left the service and returned home. He was a Citizen of Edgecombe County North Carolina when he entered the service as a volunteer. The first Battle he was at Camden South Carolina [August 15-16, 1780], then at the Battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] North Carolina, at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs S. C. [September 8, 1781] and at two other small fights in S. C., one at Ramsey's Mills the other at Haw River. While in all these Battles he was under the Command of General Green [Nathanael Greene]. He marched principally in the States of North and South Carolina, on and up and down the Rivers Pedee, Cape Fear, and Neuse, until after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, when he was marched from the Carolinas on, in the more northern States and in the direction of little York where the Battle was fought at the surrender of Cornwallis. He states that now he has no documentary evidence to refer to, to refresh his recollection upon these points (and that if he had he could tell nothing about them, as he has no education, nor ever had) and that he now knows of no one living by whom he could prove his service by. He states that he was also in the Battle at Yorktown at the surrender of Cornwallis, where he received a wound in his right knee by a bullet – which was cut out, and the scar of which he has now, at which place he received his certificate of discharge which is lost many years ago (say some 40 or upwards), by its getting wet with some other papers. He states that the foregoing is about all now that he can recollect that would give identity to 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 in the Union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John H. Taylor, JICDC

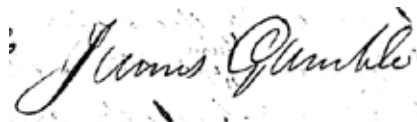
S/ Joseph Calhoon, X his mark

[James Gamble and John R. Morse, clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And I the said James Gamble, do further certify, that I have conversed with the said Joseph Calhoon applicant some years ago upon the subject of his applying for his Revolutionary Pension, and that his reason given to me for not doing so at that time was that his health was then good and he tolerable well able to labor, and thereby secure and obtain a tolerable competency, and that he was then, getting along tolerable well without it, and that as long as he could continue to do so, that his ability to labor and the Liberties he assisted to achieve was Pension enough for him. But that now the said applicant is not only very old but is becoming quite infirm and ill able to labor, and has quite an expensive family, and wishes and desires the assistance which the Government is due him. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John H. Taylor, JICDC

S/ James Gamble

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Gamble". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

An answer to the Interrogatories propounded by the War Department, Joseph Calhoon the applicant s answers as follows to wit: To the 1st Interrogatory. He says that he was born in Edgecombe County North Carolina July 10th, 1764.

To the 2nd. He says that he has a record of his age at his sons Vincent Calhoon, who resides in Dooly County, and in the 7th District Georgia Militia thereof.

To the 3rd: He says that he was living in Edgecombe County North Carolina, when he entered the service; returned to the said County, after the war, and lived there until he moved to Montgomery County Georgia. From Montgomery County, he moved to Laurens County Georgia and from Laurens County to Dooly County, Georgia where he now lives.

To the 4th. He says that he volunteered.

To the 5th. He says that in consequence of his age and infirmity the length of time that it has been since he was in the service – his having no education and a very indistinct recollection of names, that he has forgotten the engagements, that he served in and the names of the officers, with whom he served except a few of the Generals, who served in that region of country where he did, to wit: General Morgan and Greene who he served under nearly all the time. Gates and Lee. The general circumstances of his service, he says he cannot state anymore full than he has stated in his application.

To the 6th: He says that he did receive a discharge at York Town, but the name of the a man who signed it he has forgotten and that it got wet among other papers is something over 40 years ago and got destroyed.

To the 7th: He answers and gives the following names, to wit: Robert B. Davies the Clerk of Superior and Inferior Courts, Alexander Meriwether of the clerk of the Court of ordinary of Dooly County, John R. Morse ,Enos Young and James Gamble. Also Benjamin F. Adams and John Humphries, Clergymen, Jesse Gilbert, and Jephtha Gilbert Brothers, Count P. Fleming, Samuel P. Jones, D. B. Jones, William McDaniel, Benjamin Culpepper, William Brown, Peter Adams and many others.