

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Copland (Copeland) R2309 he

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State of Missouri Saline County: to wit

Be it remembered that at a circuit Court held for the said County on the 5th day of July 1836 – it being a court of record of the original unlimited jurisdiction, personally came into court, Joel Copeland a resident of the said County, and applies to said court, to make a declaration and offer proof to show to the War Department of the United States that he served in the Revolutionary war as a soldier on the Continental establishment: And that by virtue of an act of Congress of the United States granting pensions for revolutionary services by the soldiers in service, and an act amendatory of the same, he is entitled to the benefits thereof, and being duly sworn he doth depose and declare

That he was born on the 28th day of June in the year 1766 in the County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina – That sometime in the month of February or March in the year 1781, a certain Major Roger Griffith, in the County aforesaid, collected a Company of volunteers, and marched them to Harrisburg in the State aforesaid – and that I was one of that Company the object of this movement was to counteract the movements of the Tories of that section of Country, who were at that time very numerous – When we arrived at Harrisburg we there met General __Butler [John Butler] – with whom we continued until we marched to Guilford Court House. I had been previously detailed to assist in collecting, and taking care of the stock and property of the Whigs of the neighborhood – so that I was not in the battle at Guilford Court house, which took place between General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], and Lord Cornwallis – At and about one mile from Guilford Court house, Major R. Griffith gave me a furlough, and ordered me to return home and notify the Whigs of Chatham County, he was apprehensive the British might pass through that County – and that they had better take measures to secure both their families and property in the event of their taking that direction – which they the British did – having performed this service I was never more called into service by Major Griffith.

The term of this tour of service was three months. Sometime in the month of June of the same year Colonel __ Dudley [Guilford Dudley] of the County of Halifax raised about 250 man, mounted volunteers – and among that number I was one – We marched with him through the Counties of Chatham, Rowan, Randolph and Guilford – in order to endeavor to hold the Tories in check. This term of service lasted about two or three months – during which time we had considerable skirmishing with the Tories. After this, I returned to the County of Chatham, where

I lived 10 or 12 years. I then moved to Wilkes County in said State – where I continued to live some 15 or 18 years – from thence I moved to the County of Cocke in the State of Tennessee, where I lived some 15 or 16 years, and from thence I moved to the State of Missouri, where I am now living. I received for the services above rendered under Major Griffith a discharge but the same is lost. I am now entirely unable to state where it is – but believe it has long since been mislaid or lost, so that it will never be found as to the other service I cannot state whether I received a discharge or not – Neither do I at this time know of any person living who could testify to the above services which I have rendered by Country – And therefore refer to the testimony of James Thrailkill hereto annexed, as proof corroborating the foregoing statement by me made. I further state that I am personally acquainted with the following persons to wit Adam Steely, Jacob Ish, & Ephraim McClane to whom I refer for evidence of my veracity, and character in my neighborhood – and further that there is no clergyman or Minister of the Gospel residing in my neighborhood –

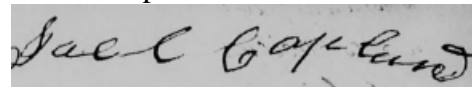
I further state that I have never applied for any pension of the United States, or of any State or territory – or arrears of pension, And that my name is not on the pension roll either of the United States or of any state or territory – And I do hereby renounces all right, title and interest which I have or may have to any such pension, except the present application –

And further he saith not

Sworn and subscribed to in open Court before me

S/ David Todd, Judge

S/ Joel Copland

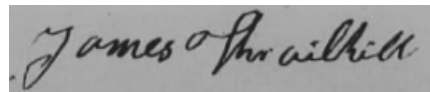


Missouri – Saline County to wit

This day James Thrailkill Senior personally appeared in Open Court, and made oath that he is now in the 61st year of his age, he was born in Wake County in the State of North Carolina. And that about the year 1790 he the said Thrailkill moved to the County of Chatham in this State aforesaid. That shortly after his arrival in said County he became slightly acquainted with Joel Copeland, who is now endeavoring to obtain a pension from the United States –

That during his residence in Chatham County he became acquainted with Major Roger Griffith of said County, and Captain Christian and also Captain Thomas Riddle, who he remembers well to have heard speak of the said Joel Copeland as a soldier – and that they always spoke of him as a good soldier and Whig – and ever ready to do his duty – whilst under their command – in addition to this he distinctly recollects to have heard the aforesaid officers and others speak of the said Copeland's Connections as good soldiers – and further this affiant saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court by James Thrailkill



S/ David Todd

[Adam Steele [signature appears to read 'A. Steel'], Matthew Gwinn [signature appears to read 'Mat. C. Gwin'] and Ephraim McLain gave the standard supporting affidavit