

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew Jackson R5520

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: March 12, 1853

At a Court of Pleas & General Sessions the Honorable T. J. Withers presiding open and held for said District on this 12th day personally appeared Matthew Jackson, a resident of said District and State, aged about Eighty-eight 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 entered the service of the United States in the War of the revolution, during the Christmas days after the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], – from loss of memory, he is unable to say, whether he enlisted or volunteered, he recollects, that it was his determination to have remained in the Army during the War, he went into service under an officer by the name of Hutchison, he was called if he recollects right, Captain Bailey Hutchison, he served afterwards, under Captain Taptley White [Tarpley White], Major Kerr or Carr was the Major of the Regiment – Colonel Terry commanded the Regiment, he states that he was born and raised in Halifax County Virginia, about the age of Seventeen, he left a Cruel Master, being an orphan boy, took refuge in the Army – he was taken sick, obtained a furlough and reached home in July, remained sick a long time, so sick, that it was thought he was dead – was laid out for dead, finally recovered after a sickness of more than twelve months, he recollects he was not able to do scarcely any labor until the winter following his sickness; from his recollection, he thinks it will be found, that the rolls will show, that he volunteered or enlisted for and during the War from what he recollects there was no time specified in his furlough, but was to have returned when he got able which he asserts was his determination. He therefore claims upon principles of equity and he thinks law also for twenty-one months service or the pension, which is allowed to those that served twenty-one months, He states that his House got burned, and his furlough with it, that he has no documentary proof or evidence of his services and he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Halifax County Virginia, but as to date I do not know. I can however say I was born 16 or 17 years before I entered the Army.

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

Answer. There is no record of it to my knowledge.

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

Answer. On Bradly Creek, Halifax County Virginia, removed to Union District South Carolina,

resided there sixty years, since then have resided in this Spartanburg District.

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

Answer. I went voluntary into the service with the intention of remaining during the War.

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

Answer. Captains Hutchison & White, Major Kerr and Colonel Terry, and if he is not mistaken Captains Boyd and Seymour, but from loss of memory does not know whether the officers belonged to the Continental line or militia.

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

Answer. I received a furlough from Captain White, was sick until the close of the War.

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.

Answer. J. N. Covington, Z. Cantrell, Reverend Drury Scouggs, and numbers beside of the most respectable Citizens of this district such as Andrew Bonner Esquire, Thompson Robb &c & he adds that he was only a private.

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.

S/ Matthew Jackson, X his mark

[J. N. Covington & J. H. Cudd gave the standard supporting affidavit.]