

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Agee R63

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State of Georgia, Lincoln County

On this 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being the Superior Court of said County & State before William N. Crawford, Presiding Judge, Joshua Agee, aged Seventy-five years in January last according to the Register of his father which is lost or destroyed, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declarations in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated.

Sometime in the year 1776 as well as deponent can recollect there was on the frontiers of Virginia, some considerable difficulties produced by the Indians, who were excited by a Colonel Guess at their head, deponent then living in Buckingham in Virginia, enlisted under Lieutenant Edmund Peters, who was attached to Captain John Clemmons' Company, in Major Glenn's [perhaps, John Glenn's] Battalion and Colonel Morgan's Regiment, who was a lawyer, said to be from Pittsylvania County. The troops rendezvoused soon after at Long Island on Holston River, a Colonel Lewis and Col. Christie [sic, William Christian], who were in advance of Morgan's Regiment and had left the Long Islands leaving Word for Morgan's Regiment to continue at that place building a fort &c until the return of their troops or reinforcement should be called for, they did proceed & built a fort and continued at said station until the return of Colonels Lewis and Christie who had brought about peace with the Indians, and they had surrendered Colonel Guess, as a prisoner to them, and was brought into the fort by them, and the troops were marched back only such as was required to guard at the Fort. Deponent having enlisted during the War with the Indians was discharged as was the Regiment principally, he having served in that campaign some over five months, he received no other pay then about twenty shillings Bounty.

Sometime in the year 1778 in the same County as well as deponent can now recollect of dates, he again enlisted for the term of one year as a guard to proceed to the Barracks at Charlottesville in Albemarle County Virginia, to guard the prisoners of Burgoyne's Army, he enlisted in Captain Thomas' Company, Lieutenant Churchwell Blakely being the under officer & marched immediately to the Barracks before stated, and on arriving there was placed under Command of Colonel Taylor [Frances Taylor], where deponent remained until the numbers of prisoners were so diminished by their taking a part with the cause of the Americans, that Colonel Taylor proposed to lessen the guard by suffering part of the soldiers to return & done so, deponent was one that was discharged at that time having served seven months and over in that tour.

Soon after which deponent removed to Henry County Virginia when a draft being made on the Militia of that County for three months men he deponent was drafted, and attached to

Captain John Hamby's Company Lieutenant Tate the under officer and attached to Major Rose's Battalion, who was from Amherst County, and in his Command marched through Salisbury & Charlotte, North Carolina to Cambridge, South Carolina, where they United with General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army, who at that time was besieging the Fort at that place [Siege of Ninety Six, May 22-June 19, 1781], which was in possession of the British, the Army remained there 15 days, after the arrival of Major Rose, and was forced to retreat without a Surrender, a enforcement under Lord Rawdon having arrived in the neighborhood, the Americans moving across Broad River, the British forces soon after took up the line of march towards Columbia, General Greene following after annoying & watching the movements of the British and at Friday's ferry, captured 50 Troop of Horse and 25 Baggage Wagons, Teams, deponent with the Virginia Militia continuing with General Greene in his march until the expiration of the term of their service they were permitted to return home without being marched back, with instructions they would be mustered out of the service at home which was not done.

Deponent further swears that all he ever received for his services was a bounty when enlisted. What the Troops were to receive he is not able to state it not being the Consideration at the time, he remained several years in Virginia after the revolution and removed to Georgia, and has resided in Various Counties in the State for 30 odd years, he now resides in Lincoln County.

Deponent is not able to prove his Services by documentary testimony, nor is he able to prove the same by any living witness, he will be enabled [?] by the Reverend John H. Walker, William C. Stokes, and John McKinne Citizens of Lincoln County to prove his character, as well as a Citizen as a Revolutionary Soldier & the reasonableness of his claim that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State whatever and hereby relinquishes all but the present.

Sworn to in open Court the 23rd of October 1832

S/ Peter Lamar, Clerk, LSC

S/ Joshua Agee, X his mark

[John H. Walker, a clergyman, W. C. Stokes, and John McKinney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia, Lincoln County

Personally came before me Edmund Lyon a Justice of the peace in and for said County Colonel Thomas Murray who being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith that he has been well acquainted with Joshua Agee formerly of Lincoln now of Wilkes County and who is an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 for forty years & more that the said deponent was a soldier himself in the revolutionary war and in 1776 was marched in a Colonel Lewis Regiment from the Long Islands of Holston against the Indians on the Frontiers of Virginia, that in frequent Conversations with said Joshua Agee & deponent, he deponent is satisfied and believes that the said Joshua Agee was attached to a Colonel Morgan's Regiment as he has stated as there was such a Regiment which remained at Holston and he believes that the said Joshua did serve as set forth or he could not have related the Circumstances of that Company unless he had been present. Deponent further swears that the said Joshua in those Conversations has fully satisfied him deponent that he was also at the Siege of Ninety Six in South Carolina as he has set forth he has heard him so often relate the circumstances of that Campaign which record so well with the true history of the Campaign & Siege that he deponent does verily believes that he was in the Army as he has set forth. Deponent further swears that the said Joshua Agee has uniformly supported the character of an Honest Man and a Man of veracity. Sworn to before me the 4th October 1834

S/ Edmund Lyon, JP

S/ Thos. Murray



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Georgia, Wilkes County

Personally appeared before me Gideon Cooper a Magistrate for said County and State Joshua Agee, who being by me duly sworn, Deposeth and saith in addition to his former declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the seventh of June 1832, and amendatory to said declaration Deposeth and swears that he was born in the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia on the fourth day of January 1757 as well as he remembers from his father's family record of age which is lost or destroyed as he before recited, that he has no family record of his own age.

That he has in addition to his proofs before produced and transmitted to the War department been enabled to procure the testimony of Colonel Thomas Murray¹ and Mr. James Burditt: who set forth fully the claims of deponent to the benefit of the Pension Act as well as the standing of deponent for truth and veracity, who unite in the statements of the Rev'd John H. Walker, William C. Stokes & John McKinney, as the standing and veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of May 1835.

S/ Gideon Cooper, JP

S/ Joshua Agee, X his mark

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State of Georgia Wilkes County

Personally came before me Gideon Cooper a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia James Burditt also a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith that he has been well acquainted with Joshua Agee (who is an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832) ever since the year 1780, that he deponent at that time lived with his father in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, that he verily believes that the said Joshua Agee is of the age as set forth in his declaration, and which is now before us. Deponent further swears that he has good reasons to believe and does verily believe the said Joshua Agee served his Country in the several Tours as he has set forth; as he has always born the character of a Revolutionary Soldier as well in the neighborhood where he lived at deponent's first acquaintance with him in Virginia, and where a disaffected man or a Tory to his Country could not have lived at that day unless it had been known, nor could a soldier had he acted cowardly or disgracefully in the Service of his Country kept the same a secret: but on the contrary the said Joshua supported the character of a faithful soldier and deponent further swears that he will remembers the return of the said Joshua Agee from the tour of duty he has last set out in his declaration, though Deponent at the time was young: the neighbors and friends to the several soldiers went in the tour amongst which the said Joshua Agee was engaged on their return had much to say and considerable rejoicing on their return.

Deponent further swears that he had removed to the state of Georgia with his father as well as he remembers in the year 1784: That sometime in the year 1797 deponent carried from the State of Georgia to the State of Virginia a Wagon load of ginned Cotton, and removed Joseph Agee and family to the County of Wilkes on his return from the County of Bedford and State of Virginia. That on their way, and passing Cambridge in South Carolina, called originally Ninety

1 [Thomas Murray S31874](#)

Six, the said Joshua Agee invited deponent with others who went with him to see the ground that the Americans occupied as well as the British and that there he is positions they took at the Siege of Ninety Six, in which Campaign the said Joshua had taken a part and deponent well remembers the statements made on the occasion, and one in particular, that he had his eyes filled with dirt, with a ball, and when making his statements the said Joshua shed tears, the Circumstances altogether convinced deponent that he was an actor in that Campaign as he has set forth.

Deponent further swears that the said Joshua Agee has born the character uniformly & now does of an honest man, and a man of veracity, that he resides in the County of Wilkes.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of May 1835

S/ Gideon Cooper, JP

S/ James Burditt



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State of Georgia, Lincoln County

Personally came before me Elijah Frazer a Justice of the peace in & for the County & State aforesaid Josiah Agee, who being by me duly sworn according to law depose & saith in addition to his former declarations made & forwarded to the War Department and explanatory thereto, and in confirmation of the same, that he did serve as set out in his said declaration, four months in the tour against the Indians under Colonel Morgan, Captain Clemon's Company for which service he received payment in Continental Money for his bounty, and he believes for the services that tour. The second tour was an enlistment for 12 months and served seven months this service was performed entirely in guarding the Prisoners of Burgoyne, that Colonel Taylor commanded this detachment at the time: he was discharged by Colonel John Cavel with many others there being more than was required as a guard Col. Taylor was absent at the time, from the command; we were enlisted purposely for the guard, the service of time was provided yet deponent never received any pay and if there was ever pay given to those troops deponent has no knowledge of the fact, and he declares that he never received any pay himself.

The last Campaign deponent resided in Henry County Virginia, he thinks in 1781 in Captain John Hamby's Company and marched under Major Rose, and Joined General Greene at Cambridge in South Carolina. This was for a five months tour which he served faithfully and was discharged by his officers at home neither of his discharges he has they were lost nor did deponent ever receive a farthing for the tour of duty.

He further swears he is old, very infirm, unable to support himself & family by his own labor, that he has served his Country faithfully whilst it was his duty, had the law not passed to remunerate the Soldiers of the Revolution he should never have thought it was his duty to ask for assistance for such services, as he was proud that he could boast that he was one of the defenders of his Country's rights and in a small way helped to achieve her Independence, if Virginia paid her troops that served in the capacity he served it is more than deponent ever knew as he has not himself benefited, that he is not now, nor ever was, on any pension Roll had no Claim at all nor has he any but for the Services aforesaid, if others receive he believes it his right and relinquishes all other claims for services except those he now applies for.

Sworn to before me 28th of October 1835.

S/ Elijah Frazer, JP

S/ Joshua Agee, X his mark

[p 27: On January 22, 1853 in Wilkes County Georgia, Joshua Agee of Columbia County Georgia executed a power of attorney under which he authorized his attorney to pursue any claim

he might have under the Act of June 7, 1832. This document was signed by Joshua Agee with his mark. Presumably the person who executed this document is not the veteran since it is alleged he died December 1837 (see below). Who this person was and his relationship, if any to the veteran and/or his widow, is not stated.]

[p 13: In Lincoln County Georgia on October 20, 1855, Mary ~~Howard~~ Dawns filed an application on the half of herself, Clary Grim and Nancy Wynn, claiming that they are the only living children of Josiah Agee. She states that her father died in Wilkes County Georgia in December 1837 and that his wife died in 1835. She claims that her father participated in the battle of the Cowpens as well as the siege of Ninety Six. The petition is signed by Mary Howard with her mark.]