

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ezekel [Ezekiel] Loftin R6408

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State of Mississippi County of Lawrence

Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said court now sitting Ezekiel Loftin a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath take 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated -- about the year 1771 he volunteered as a minute man, under Captain Jesse Cobb in the State of North Carolina, Dobbs County -- General Richard Caswell the commanding officer and served about one month. In the year 1772 he enlisted under John Tillary Quarter Master General in the State of North Carolina, Dobbs County -- General Richard Caswell commanding officer and worked as a Mechanic in the service 3 years at Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Noose River [sic, Neuse River] in said State of Carolina at the end of the 3 years he obtained a discharge in writing from said Quarter Master General -- which is now lost or mislaid, not expecting it would ever be of service to him. He knows of no person by whom he can prove its existence.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born August 17th 1750 in Dobbs County North Carolina.

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

I have the record of my age at home in an old family Bible

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

In Dobbs County North Carolina I lived in North Carolina 2 years, in South Carolina about 2 years, in Georgia about 17 years and the remainder of the time in this State, where I now reside.

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

I volunteered as before stated and then enlisted as a regular soldier in the character of Mechanic.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served,

such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

There were no troops but Mechanics where I work & at this time I have no distinct recollection of more than my commanding officers before mentioned.

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

I received a discharge from John Tillary which is now lost or mislaid.

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.

I am known generally in my neighborhood and would refer to the Reverend Davis Collins who has known me 40 years or more & Harman Runnells who has known me 15 years, also Joseph Cooper & John [indecipherable last name, starts with a "B."] who known me about 15 years.* [marginal note: " as a soldier of the revolution there is no person in my neighborhood who can state positively."]

Sworn to and subscribed this 24th day of December 1832

S/ Joseph Cooper, JP

S/ Ezekel Loftin

[Davis Collins, a clergyman of Marion County Mississippi, and Harman Runnells gave the standard supporting affidavit.]