

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Minor R7260

Mary Minor

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State of Kentucky County of Owen Sct.

On this 7th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Owen County Court now sitting, Joseph Minor a resident of said County and State aged 72 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say he mustered into the service of the United States in the month of October 1776 as well as he now remembers as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Todd [perhaps Bernard Todd]. That he rendezvoused with his said company at the Courthouse in King & Queen County Virginia of which County he was at the time a resident and was marched from thence to Williamsburg Virginia where he remained stationed during the principal part of his said tour – that whilst he was in the service on this tour he was frequently out with parties of the troops for some days at a time and once in a while for a week or two. He states that General Nelson [probably Thomas Nelson] had the command of the troops there and that he continued in the service till the expiration of his said tour and was discharged and returned to his home in King & Queen County where he resided at the time he entered the service as aforesaid.

He further states and declares that in the month of May 1777 according to his present best recollection he again mustered into the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier in the company of Captain Philip Pendleton upon a tour of three months he thinks that the name of the Lieutenant of his company upon this tour was David Jamison and that of the Ensign Barnett Todd – that he rendezvoused with his company at the Courthouse in King and Queen County and was attached to a Regiment of militia under Colonel Richardson [probably Holt Richardson] – that he was marched from thence to Williamsburg and crossed York River at a place called West Point that from thence he was marched to little York – that he was again under the command of General Nelson and that whilst he was on this tour he was at Springfield and at several other places on the coast but that he was kept the principal part of the time at York – that he continued in the service till the expiration of his said tour of duty and after having fully served out the same was discharged and returned to his home in King and Queen County.

He further states and declares that in the month of August 1778 according to his present recollection he again mustered into the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Lumkin [probably Henry Lumpkin] – that the Lieutenant's name was George Richards as well as he remembers – that he rendezvoused with his said company at the Courthouse in King and Queen County and was

attached to the Regiment under Colonel Griffith – that he was marched from thence to Gloucester on York River – from thence to Urbanna on the Rappahannock [River] and from thence to Williamsburg – he states that at Williamsburg there was some troops stationed under the command of Colonel Nelson – that soon after he reached Williamsburg his term of service expired and he was discharged and returned home to King in Queen County Virginia.

He further states and declares that in the month of October 1779 as well as he remembers he again mustered into the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Sutherland [probably William Sutherland] that as well as he remembers James Fogg was the Lieutenant – that he was marched from the Courthouse in King in Queen County where he rendezvoused with his company, to Williamsburg where he came under command of Colonel Nelson and remained for the principal part of his tour and was then marched to York at which point he remained during the residue of his said tour and after having fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of January 1780 he again mustered into the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Campbell – that he rendezvoused with his company at the Courthouse in King & Queen County and was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Lyne [perhaps William Lyne] – that he was marched from thence across York River and join some other troops under command of General Nelson about 15 or 16 miles from Williamsburg at a place called Bacons Honory [Bacon's Ordinary] – that after joining General Nelson they were marched to Warwick – from thence he was marched to Hampton and back to Warwick and from thence to Williamsburg where he remained until the expiration of his tour of duty when he was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of July 1780 as well as he remembers he was mustered into the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Christopher Harrod – that William Harrod was the Lieutenant of the company – that he rendezvoused with his said company at the courthouse in said County of King and Queen and was from thence marched to Williamsburg where he was kept force under the command of Colonel Ennis and Major Armistead – that after he was kept stationed there for a while he was marched to York where he was stationed the balance of his said Tour and having fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged and returned home to King & Queen County.

He further states and declares that in the month of July 1781 he again mustered into the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of 3 months in the company of Captain Bohannon [probably Joseph Bohannan or Bohannon] & was marched to Gloucester County Virginia that general Washington marched against the British at Little York that fall and this declarant was kept in that section of country by Colonel Lyne who was the Colonel of the County to aid in pressing horses and teams for the use of the Army – that he did so remained and was engaged in this service until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] when he was discharged from further service and permitted to return to his family although his term of service had not fully expired.

He states that he is growing old and his memory has greatly failed him but that he is confident that he served in the manner and at the periods above stated, that he is positive from his best recollection that he did not serve less than 20 ½ months as a private militia soldier in the revolutionary war. And that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his said services or

any part of them nor does he know of any person except James Hoskins¹ of Henry County Kentucky whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove them or who can testify to his said service.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Minor, X his mark

Interrogatories put to the above applicant by the court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in September in the year 1760 in King & Queen County Virginia

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

Answer. I have no record of my age at present in my possession – the old family register in which my age is recorded is in the possession of one of my sisters.

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

Answer. I lived in King & Queen County Virginia when I entered the service upon each of my tours and continued to live there after the revolutionary war till the year 1802 when I moved to Fayette County Kentucky and there lived about 7 years and then moved to Scott County Kentucky where I lived 4 years and then moved to where I now live in Owen County Kentucky then Gallatin County where I have continued to live ever since.

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

Answer. I served upon each of my tours as a drafted militia man.

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. I recollect to have seen Colonel Nelson, Colonel Ennis, Colonel Heath, Colonel Posey and Colonel Mathews who I believe were regular officers and were sometimes with the troops and at the places where I served – also Colonel Holkum, Col. Lyne, Colonel Richardson, Colonel Griffith, Major Armistead, Captain Kidd, Captain Gaines, Captain Dudley who were militia officers. My services were performed for the most part between York and James rivers sometimes I was about York River and they were devoted entirely to the protecting the coast and the principal Towns upon it.

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 never did receive a discharge in writing that I recollect

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 I will name Cornelius Duvall & Smith Calvert who all my neighbors and who are well acquainted with me.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Minor, X his mark

[Cornelius Duvall, a clergyman, and Smith Calvert gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ FPA S1219

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The affidavit of James Hoskins of Henry County Kentucky taken at the house of said Hoskins on the 9th day of January 1833 to be used before the Secretary of the War Department of the United States in behalf of Joseph Minor and applicant to be placed on the pension roll of the United States as a revolutionary soldier. This affiant states that he is 75 years of age and was born and raised in King & Queen County Virginia – that he has been acquainted with Joseph Minor of Owen County Kentucky who he is informed has made his declaration before the Owen County Court in order to be placed on the pension roll as a revolutionary soldier from his boyhood up to the present time – that their parents lived within six miles of each other in the said County of King & Queen. He states that he is satisfied that said Minor is not less than 72 years of age. He states that he recollects that the said Minor and himself served a tour of duty of three months in the Company of Captain Lumpkin of King & Queen County Virginia about three years before the capture of Cornwallis – they were militia men and private soldiers in said Company. He states that upon this tour they were a part of their time at Williamsburg Virginia. He also states that he and the said Minor served another three months tour together as militia man in the Company of Captain Bohannon of Essex County in the year 1781. And that they were marched to Gloucester County and there kept on duty until its termination which happened immediately after the Surrender of Cornwallis. In this tour they were engaged principally in pressing horses and teams for the use of the Army. He further states and affirms that he recollects of having performed a third tour in the same company with the said Minor but that he has forgotten when it was performed and has no distinct recollection of the names of the officers – He knows further that the said Minor did serve other tours of duty during the revolution besides those mentioned above but how many he cannot certainly say but from his best recollection he thinks that he did not serve less than 5 or 6 tours in all.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Hoskins, X his mark

[p 8: On January 31, 1837 in Owen County Kentucky, Mary Minor aged about 80 years a resident of said County filed for her pension under the 1836 act as the widow of Joseph Minor; that her maiden name was Mary Hoskins; that she married him in King & Queen County Virginia in the house of her brother John Hoskins (date of marriage left blank) which took place during the war of the revolution; that her husband died November 19, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: Deposition given by James Hoskins in support of the application made by his sister Mary Minor of Owen County, widow of Joseph Minor; that Joseph and Mary were married in the house of the affiant's brother John Hoskins in the state of Virginia during the war of the revolution; he was present at the wedding but does not remember the precise date. He signed this affidavit with his mark.]

[p 38: Nancy Hoskins gave testimony on September 1, 1837 in Henry County Kentucky that Joseph Minor and his wife Mary were married in King in Queen County State of Virginia in the year 1780. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 26: On June 2, 1851 in Owen County Kentucky, Joseph Minor, 56, filed a claim stating that he is the son and heir at law of Joseph Minor deceased and Mary Minor, the widow of Joseph My;

that Mary died October 18, 1838; that his parents had 4 children, namely: George aged about 70; Thomas, Edward and Joseph, the declarant. That all of his father's children were living at the time of his father's death. He signed his application with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$68.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 20 and one half months in the Virginia service. His