

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Price R8468

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

On this 5th day of December A.D. 1836, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Samuel Anderson Judge of the Circuit Court Court [sic] of Bedford County, now sitting Jesse Price, a resident of this State in the County of Bedford and State of Tennessee aged about 77 years, who being first 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 revolutionary war, under William Fare [sic, William Farr], as a drafted militia man, in Union District South Carolina, sometime in September or October, he believes, from circumstances, in the year 1781, but will not be positive as to the year, for a tour of 2 months that he recollects no officers except Colonel Fare, Captain Duff and Lieutenant Comer [could be "Gomer"]. That during this tour his services were on the Congaree River, to keep the Tories from committing depredations on the lives and property of the Whigs. That at this time and previously as well as he can recollect, all the regular officers in the South had been under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] operating against Lord Cornwallis. That while he was in the service during this tour, Lord Cornwallis was taken as well as he recollects somewhere in Virginia. That he was at the end of said two months relieved by other militia whose duty it was to continue the same kind of protection to the citizens of Congaree, against the Tories who is yet were not subdued.

That after his return home he was again drafted during the latter part of the ensuing winter for a second tour of 2 months. That at the time of said second draft he still lived in Union District South Carolina; That said second Tour was served under the same Colonel as the first but that no other officers or recollected; -- That this tour of duty was consumed in guarding Orangeburg jail that contained prisoners who had been taken by the Americans, but does not recollect at what place they were captured. That after this tour expired he was disbanded, and that, in the discharge of both companies to which he belonged in the 2 tours, none received written discharges. That as he before stated there were at this time no regulars or continentals in that part of the South none having yet returned from the capture of Lord Cornwallis. That he now does not know of any person by whom he can prove said services nor documentary evidence.

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 or Territory in the United States.

Questions By the Court, 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- I now do not recollect, the record of the family being lost if they ever had any.

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

Answer -- I have none nor do I know of any

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer -- He lived in The union District South Carolina at the time he entered the service, shortly after the war he moved to York District South Carolina, some time afterwards, he moved to East Tennessee after some years he then removed to Durham [?] Creek which he believes is in Smith County Tennessee, afterwards to Wilson County Tennessee, shortly afterwards he moved to Williamson County Tennessee where he resided for some 3 or 4 years, thence he moved to this (Bedford) County, where he has ever since resided, being perhaps a little upwards of 20 years.

4. 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 was drafted in both instances.

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

Answer. I now do not recollect, as above stated, that there were any regular troops or officers with us or Continental Regiment and no militia so far as recollected except the Regiment to which I belonged and that was commanded by Colonel William Fare, the circumstances of my service so far as recollected are detailed above.

6. 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 received any discharge nor do I know that any who belonged to the same company with me ever did.

7. 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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans. I am known by John T. Muse and M. Brame clergyman, Thomas Coffin Esquire and Isaiah King

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jesse Price, O his mark

[Thomas T. Muse, M. Brame, clergyman, and Isaiah King gave the standard supporting affidavit.] [Milik Brame]