

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Ragan R8558

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North Carolina Person County: to wit

On this 19th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for the County aforesaid the same being a court of record, now sitting, Jesse Ragan a resident of said County of Person & State of North Carolina, aged about seventy-eight years, having no record of his age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the aforesaid Act of Congress. That he was drafted & when out in the service of the United States, in the year, he does not precisely recollect, but thinks it was 1775 or 1776. That he rendezvoused with the troops at Hillsborough in the County of Orange North Carolina, which at that time comprehended the aforesaid County of Person, that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Shadrach Hargis, Lieutenant James Hubbard, and the Regiment of Colonel Ramsay, Lieutenant Colonel William Moore. That he marched with the said Regiment from Hillsboro aforesaid in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians, crossed the Yadkin River at a ferry, passed through Salisbury, across the Catawba River at Sherrill's Ford. Thence on into Burke County to the Indian country, at a Block house. This declarant being sick was left at the Block house but the troops moved on to the Indian Towns, but this declarant understood, found them deserted by the Indians. The troops returned soon afterwards, but this declarant continuing sick was left at the Blockhouse and made his way back to Hillsboro as well as he could, having been compelled by weakness to delay some time on the road. That he did not reach Hillsboro until sometime, after his term of draft, 3 months, had expired. That finding the troops disbanded upon his arrival at Hillsboro & his officers gone he obtained no discharge. This declarant having removed to the County of Granville North Carolina was again drafted, he believes, in the year 1780, to work at the commissary store, called the "ridge" or Williamsborough in Granville County North Carolina under Captain Lankston who was detached for this service from the Regiment of Colonel Gill -- that he served this tour of 3 months at Williamsborough aforesaid, working at the public tannery at that place. He does not recollect that he obtained any discharge from this service.

He was again drafted for a tour of 3 months and rendezvoused at Granville Court House, under what officer he does not recollect, in the spring, he thinks, 1781. He was detached to catch shed at Sir Peyton Skipworth's [Skipwith] island on Roanoke River in Mecklenburg County Virginia, and served there from first of March until about the middle of May. He does not recollect whether he obtained any discharge from this service -- being an illiterate person, this declarant has no distinct recollection of any discharges, but supposes he must have received them, as he is told they were common among the troops of that day. This declarant was raised in the same

neighborhood & has all his life known Thomas Halliburton whose affidavit is hereto appended. This declarant is well known to Willie Baird & Robert Jones in the County of Person aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not to his knowledge on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jesse Dickens, Clerk

S/ Jesse Ragan, R his mark

[Willie Baird & Robert Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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North Carolina Person County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 3rd Monday of September 1832

Thomas Halliburton aged about 70 years appeared in open Court, & maketh oath that he was brought up in the same neighborhood with Jesse Ragan who subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, in the present County of Person State of North Carolina, that the first military service performed by the people of his vicinity in the Revolutionary War was in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians. That he distinctly recollects that the aforesaid Jesse Ragan was drafted as a soldier in that service, that he went off from home as this affiant understood to march against the Indians, was absent fully 3 months & came back sick, having, as was generally believed, then left behind his Regiment on account of sickness. That this affiant afterwards knew that said Ragan was drafted for another term of 3 months and understood & believed at the time that he served this tour at the commissary store in Williamsborough North Carolina. This affiant also knew that said Ragan was again drafted, & he understood & believed that he served that tour in fishing for the public supply at Sir Peyton Skipworth's island on Roanoke River, Mecklenburg County Virginia. These fish were taken to Williamsborough for distribution.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court

S/ Jesse Dickens, Clerk

S/ Thomas Halliburton

State of North Carolina Person County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions June Term 1837

The Declaration of Jesse Ragan -- a soldier of the Revolution made in open Court before Alexander Gordon, Augustine Van Hook & Robert Bumpass Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. The said Jesse Ragan maketh oath that he was drafted and entered the service of the United States in the War of the American Revolution, in the County of Granville and State of North Carolina that he was placed in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Shadrach Herris [sic, Shadrach Hargis] and Lieutenant James Hubbird [sic, James Hubbard] and placed in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ramsey and Lieutenant Colonel Moore, that he was marched from the County of Granville to the Town of Hillsboro that he remained there about 2 weeks and were marched from thence to New Bern where he remained about 6 weeks guarding the Fort of Entry at that place. That from thence he was marched to the Town of Wilmington in the same State, and that he remained there about the same length of time as he had at New Bern; when the Regiment becoming quite sickly and being suffered himself from sickness, they were removed warhead leave to return home. That he served during this tour 3 1/2 months. That shortly after he returned home to the County of Granville he was again drafted and placed under Captain Lancaster in a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Gill that he was marched into a camp near Granville Court House in their remained one & half months and he was then marched to the town of Halifax North Carolina to

guard some prisoners -- that he remained in the town of Halifax 1 1/2 months and was marched from thence to Roxborough [sic, Roxboro?] In the same State and was then discharged, having served altogether in the 2 tours, 6 months, being drafted each time to serve for the space of 3 months. He further declares that he has received no pension on account of his services as aforesaid and that his name is not on the pension roll or list of any State or agency.

Sworn to and subscribed to in open Court this the 20th day of June A.D. 1837

Test: S/ Charles Mason, Clerk

S/ Jesse Ragan, R his mark

[William Baird, JP, and James J. Wilkinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Jesse Ragan further maketh oath that he knows of no one in his section of country by whom he can prove his services as stated in the foregoing declaration -- that he is now about 82 years of age, that he cannot state the precise time that he entered the service but that he is certain as to the length of time that he served, and that it was after the declaration of American Independence and before the conclusion of Peace in the year 1783. That he had a previous declaration drawn which was lost or miscarried by mail.

Sworn and subscribe to in open court this the 20th day of June A.D. 1837

S/ Jesse Ragan, R his mark