

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Salmon (Salmons) R9157 Lucy f29VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/7/12

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina County of Stokes: SS


On this 15th day of December 1843 personally appeared in the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions of the County of Stokes aforesaid Lucy Salmons a resident of North Carolina in the County of Stokes aforesaid aged seventy-three years who being first sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widow;" that she is the widow of Jacob Salmons who served in the Virginia Militia in the United States during the Revolutionary War as a private Soldier as she has just reason to believe in the following Tours (to wit) her husband always when he mentioned his Services in the Revolutionary war, stated that his first tour of Service he served as a substitute private in the place of his Brother James Salmons and went from the County of Goochland in Virginia under a certain Captain of the Militia. She cannot recollect the Captain's name nor the Regiment but understood that he served on this occasion three months, and the next Tour was three months from the same County of Goochland as he stated, his turn came to serve by the allotment or class as was the rule among the Virginia Militia these two services she believes was performed quick one after the other and the next Tour & last he served on his turn as above mentioned as a private for three, four or five months from the same County, and was marched into North Carolina and fought at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. The officers' names who he served she cannot recollect although she heard her husband repeat their names often. She believes in all these tours he served faithfully although she has no evidence to offer having removed from Powhatan County Virginia from among her & her husband's acquaintances several years past to Stokes County North Carolina. She begs leave to refer the pension Department to the Rolls of the Virginia Militia of Goochland County for the name of her husband length of times that he served together with officers' names who he served under &c which she from information of the Rolls being in that office believes satisfactory proof of the Services of her husband Jacob Salmons Deceased will plainly appear, for which he claims a pension –

She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Salmons by the Reverend ___ in the County of Powhatan Virginia on the 18th day of September in the year 1788 and that her husband the aforesaid Jacob Salmons died on the 16th day of December 1831 in the County of Stokes aforesaid – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794 at the time above stated. She further declares that she only had three children born of her body while she and her husband the said Jacob Salmons Deceased lived in Union together as man and wife (viz.) Polina was born 17th of August 1790: John the 11th June 1792, & Elizabeth who is now dead, was born the 10th of June 1794. She has no family Record to show the ages but knows of [her] own recollection the above

to be correct.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year 1st above mentioned in open court
S/ Jno Hill, CCC

S/ Lucy Salmons

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucy Salmons". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

State of North Carolina County of Stokes

Be it known that on this 15th day of December 1843 personally appeared before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for said County Charles Banner a Justice of the Peace who being duly sworn according to law declares on his oath that he was well acquainted with Jacob Salmons named in the foregoing Declaration of Lucy Salmons for several years previous to his death, that this Deponent served in the Legislature of North Carolina in the year 1818 as Senator of the County aforesaid when & where he said Jacob Salmons was elected & served in the house of Commons of said State and on their way to Raleigh passed by the Battle ground of Guilford which happened in the year 1781 March the 15th he said Salmons showed me the ground where he stood & fired several rounds against the Enemy British as a soldier from Virginia which I believed to be the truth. He died in the County of Stokes North Carolina on the 16th of December 1831 as stated in the declaration of his widow Lucy Salmons aforesaid, and that she has remained unmarried & his widow ever since his death.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year 1st above mentioned.

S/ C. Banner

[f p. 8: On April 14, 1852, a power of attorney was executed by Paulina S. Smith in Stokes County North Carolina as one of the children and legal representatives of Jacob Sammons [sic] a revolutionary soldier and his wife Lucinda Sammons.]

[f p. 13: copy of a marriage bond issued to Jacob Salmons and Wade N. Woodson on September 18, 1788 conditioned upon the marriage of Jacob Salmons to Lucy Smith both of Powhatan County Virginia.]

[f p. 16]

State of North Carolina County of Forsyth: SS

Be it known that before me Austin P Thompson a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Charles Banner Esquire age seventy-nine years, who being duly sworn according to law declares that he was well acquainted with a certain Jacob Salmons who died in Stokes County North Carolina the 16th of December 1831 leaving at a widow named Lucy Salmons who claims a Pension for Services rendered by her husband in the war of the Revolution, It so happened that this Deponent and said Jacob Salmons with Samuel Welsh Esquire were all elected in the year 1818 as members to serve at Raleigh in the General Assembly of North Carolina a.e. This deponent in the Senate and the other two in the house of, and, when on their way to the Seat of Government they had to pass near or through the Battle ground where the Memorable Battle of Guilford was fought by the British & Americans in March 1781 when Mr. Salmons stated that he was desirous to view the ground once more where he had stood & fought in said Battle, & that he could show the place where his Captain & company fired many rounds at the enemy. I think he said his Captain's name was Winbush,

though am not certain, but pointed to the place & said the Company in a hurry had thrown up a kind of breastwork of logs rails &c to shelter them from the British musketry, when they were advancing towards them, the Captain ordered them not to fire until the British came so nigh that they could see the whites of their eyes. The British advance within about 40 paces and fired at them when their officer commanded them to charge bayonet when they came into about 15 or 20 steps his Captain ordered them to fire, which was done according to order and he said Salmons, said that they cut down the British line like grass before the Scyth & he heard a British officer swear they were fighting Regulars & not militia, all the while it was the Virginia Militia, the North Carolinians had retreated & run. I had been there before & was shown where the dead were was buried and asked him (Salmons) if he could show the burying ground when they rode on, he viewed the field & pointed to the spot where he said there is the place where the bones of many of his brother soldiers was moldering in the dust, Brave fellows, farewell, he spoke & the tears tracked down his cheeks & his utterance failed him & we went on some distance before he spoke another word, he often had mentioned to me that [he] had served twelve months in all in said war some time as a Substitute but six months he had served in a strict when the said Battle occurred and the last of his Service ended at little York when Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] all the foregoing narrative being made known to me, causes me to believe that he actually did perform the Services as he stated, and furthermore a respectable land by the name of William Cardwell who emigrated from Powhatan County in Virginia to Stokes County North Carolina with the aforesaid Jacob Salmons about 50 years ago, who often stated to Deponent that he served in the same service with said Salmons both now dead and was in the above mentioned Battle and acted as a musician fifer, that he brought a nice British fife of turned walnut timber with him that he found on the battleground which fife is now in possession of J R Bowker a relation of mine, the officers names I heard them say who they served under were from Powhatan or Goochland but cannot recollect them, Sworn & subscribed this 27th day of November A.D. 1852.

S/ C. Banner

[f p. 19]

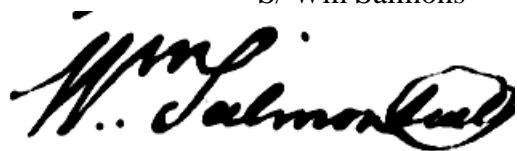
Commonwealth of Virginia Goochland County: SS

Be it known that on this 2nd day of June A.D. 1846 before me Martin James a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared William Salmons who being duly sworn according to law to declare what he knows of the services rendered by the late Jacob Salmons deceased in the war of the Revolution declared on his oath that he was in company & with Jacob Salmons on the Battleground in Guilford County State of North Carolina & said Jacob Salmons told me how they [sic, the] two armies were stationed & where he was stationed in the time of Battle and when the Americans retreated he had on a British uniform which caused the British to continue firing in the direction in which he was retreating and the firing continued until [he] was told to change his dress which he immediately did and the firing immediately ceased, a number of years after this when Jacob Salmons became an applicant for a pension I visited an old pensioner Thomas Tucker¹ who was in the same battle with Jacob Salmons and told me that Jacob Salmons was as much entitled to a pension as any man living & both served in the revolutionary war as regulars but I am not able to state under what Captain or Coronet [sic, cornet] they served under but both of them were in the battle of Guilford County North Carolina – further this deponent sayeth not.

¹ Probably the same man as [Thomas Tucker S7762](#)

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year 1st above mentioned.

S/ Wm Salmons

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wm. Salmons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "W" and a circular flourish at the end of the name.