

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Ashlock ¹ S1160

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State of Tennessee, Overton County

September Term of the Circuit Court began and held the State and County aforesaid at the Court house in the Town [of] Monroe on the 3rd Monday of said month before the Honorable Nathaniel W. Williams Judge presiding Jesse Ashlock a citizen of the County of Overton and State aforesaid aged 78 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 the 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that in the year __ he was living in Taswell [sic, Caswell] County State of North Carolina, that the men of that County was classed in classes of fifteen to a class and when a draft came on they would have to send one man from each class and in the month of May as well as he recollects he was hired by a class to go and serve a twelve months tour for them the names of some of them are as follows Charles Burton, Richard Burgess, Peter Smith, Thomas Ware, John Ware, William Ware and Meshach Williams the balance he does not recollect at this time and that he started in the month of May and went to Harrisburg and was there placed under Captain Tilman Dickson [sic, Tilghman Dixon] and Lieutenant and Ensign Charles and William Dickson [sic, Charles Dixon] and was then marched to Hillsborough Orange County and was then marched to the high Hills of Santee there placed under Captain Hadley [probably Joshua Hadley] and under Colonel Henry Dickson [sic, Henry "Hal" Dixon] and Major Donohoo [probably Thomas Donoho] he knew Major Bloueth [probably Reading Blount] and General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] he thinks they were officers of the Continental line he was then marched to a place called Eutaw Springs he thinks in the fall of the year and was in the Battle [September 8, 1781] at that place, it was a hot engagement and the Americans were victorious, took a great many prisoners and marched them to a place called the Church [?] some distance from the battleground, during the latter part of the battle he states that the Regiment to which he belonged met them in a black Jack thicket and commenced a hot fire and the British retreated into an old field which was nearby and to a brick house in the same and he believes as many of them as could took shelter in the same for a while but was forced to leave it in a short time, so when the battle was over and the dead were buried he was again marched from the Eutaw Springs across the Santee River then again to the High Hills of Santee and from thence to Stono Island and when they arrived there the British had possession of that Island and they discharged a few cannon at General Greene's Army in which he was but little damage done, the British immediately retreated to their vessels and sailed off down Stono, he was then marched to the cross roads three miles from bacons bridge on Ashley River and was there stationed, the picket guards was frequently placed at that Bridge and would when they expected danger take up and misplace some planks to defeat the British light horse in the event of an attack by them by way of the bridge in the night, he states that he remained there until the end of his twelve months service was over or nearly so

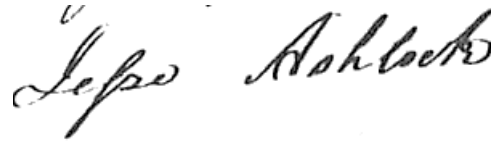
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which was in June next after the battle of the Eutaw Springs and was then marched back to Guilford Court house and was there discharged by Colonel Henry Dixon and so ended his twelve months service as a soldier of the revolutionary war, he was born in Halifax County State of Virginia, has no record of his age but believes he is as old as he states he removed from thence to Caswell County North Carolina has since the war lived principally in Tennessee State, run away from his parents at the age of about fifteen, substituted and served the above Tour war of the revolution he states he sold his discharge and has no documentary evidence of his services nor no witness within his power by whom he can prove his services but would recommend he Honorable Court to Lewis Stover a clergyman and John B. Buford of the citizens of this County who am well acquainted with and who can testify as to my standing and of the tradition about my services as a revolutionary soldier, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension [roll] of any agency in any State.

That he Sworn to in open Court

24th September 1832

S/ Jesse Ashlock



S/ Geo. W. Sevier, Clk

By S/ E. N. Cullom, DC

[Lewis Stover, a clergyman and John B Buford gave the standard supporting affidavit]

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State of North Carolina

Secretary of State's office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Jesse Ashlock a private Soldier in Captain Dixon's company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 15th day of May 1781 for 12 months and left the service on the 21st day of May 1782.

Given under my hand this second day of April 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[p 11: On January 31, 1869 in Monroe County Kentucky, Margaret S Pennington, 26 a resident of Jackson County Tennessee filed for a bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act stating she is a child of Jesse Ashlock deceased; that her father died December 21, 1846 survived by his widow Sarah Ashlock who remained unmarried until May 17, 1849 when she married Wesley Killmen; that the affiant has a brother, George Ashlock who was a minor child as of March 3, 1855; that there are no other children of her father now living; that she, the affiant, was born January 13, 1843 and is now the wife of Milton Pennington. She signed her affidavit with her mark as "Margaret S Pennington".]

[p 16: On January 31, 1869 in Monroe County Kentucky, George Ashlock, 22, also filed for his bounty land entitlement stating that he is the son of Jesse Ashlock who died December 21, 1846 survived by his widow Sarah Ashlock who on May 17, 1849 married Wesley Killman; that he has a sister Margaret S Pennington; that he, the affiant, was born March 24, 1846. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 27: affidavit dated February 11, 1870, filed in Cumberland County Tennessee, Nancy Buford and Maryann S. Smith gave testimony that they were well acquainted with Sallie Scott; that they were present and saw Sallie Scott married to Jesse Ashlock on or about March 15, 1842; that they were married by John B Buford deceased late a justice of the peace of Overton County Tennessee; that the

marriage records of that County have been destroyed during the late Rebellion; that Sallie Scott has remarried Wesley Killman and is now his wife; that Jesse & Sallie Ashlock had 2 children Maryanne Ashlock and George W Ashlock; Maryanne Ashlock has intermarried with Milton Pennington of Jackson County Tennessee.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina militia.]