

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Skidmore S15648

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### State of Kentucky Lincoln County Court

On this 27th day of January 1843 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Lincoln County Court now sitting Joseph Skidmore a resident of Lincoln County and State of Kentucky aged seventy-three years old on the last day of July next 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 after stated.

That sometime about the 1st day of November in the year 1780 he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man in Captain James Smith[s] Company County of Botetourt and State of Virginia for three months some few days after he was drafted they marched to New River where we joined some other troops at that place and the whole was attached to Colonel Crockett[s] Regiment and commanded by the said Crockett – we then marched through Washington County, Montgomery County State of Virginia and then into the State of North Carolina and then to the French broad River Colonel Campbell was stationed with his troops and joined his troops at that place and continued there until our term of service for which we were drafted expired and was discharged by Colonel Campbell he being the commander in chief at that place we then returned home to Botetourt County State of Virginia where we resided when we were drafted I then remained at home until about the last of February in the year 1781 at which time I was again drafted as a militia man in the United States Service in Captain Cartman's [probably Henry or Thomas Cartmill] Company of Militia man of the County of Botetourt County State of Virginia and some few days after we were drafted marched to Phinewett [?]<sup>1</sup> State of Virginia where we were to join some troops and after we joined the troops there we marched directly to join General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army but before we joined Green's Army we met with an express to halt at that place until we received further instructions we then marched to different points until our term of service expired for which we were drafted. I do not now recollect any of the officers except my Captain owing to my age and infirmity and do not [word mark through and illegible] what officer discharged us for I believe that none of the men of the Company to which I was attached received any written discharge. I feel confident that I did not. I then returned home to the County of Botetourt State of Virginia and remained there until the year 1788 and then I removed to the now state of Kentucky Lincoln

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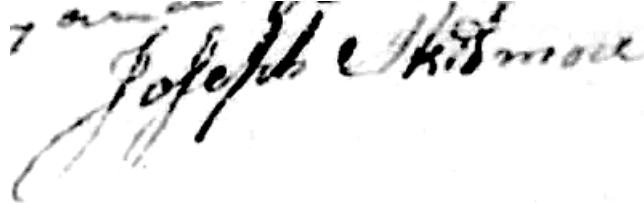
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County where I now reside and in the year 1791 I was ordered out as an Indian spy by Colonel John Logan and was attached to Captain John Blevins Company of Indian spies at which time I spied about sixty days on the frontiers at which time I was discharged and feel confident that the whole term that I was engaged in the service of the United States as a drafted militia man was six months and two months as an Indian spy. And for the purpose given a more perfect answer to the interrogatories put that he was born in the year 1761 on the last day of July and that he has no record of his age but he saw in the record of his father that I was born in the County of Botetourt State of Virginia when called into service I was called into service by being drafted and did not recollect any of the regular officers' name that we served with and that he never received any discharge in writing nor has he any documentary evidence by which he can prove his service And that he knows of no person that is now living that he can prove his services by.

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 Skidmore

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Skidmore". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Joseph Skidmore".

[William Dickson, a clergyman, John E Wright & John Hocker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]