

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joel Arthur S16034

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State of Ohio                    }

Jackson County Ss    }                    on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Joel Arthur a resident of Jefferson Township in Jackson County, Ohio aged about seventy one years of 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That some time in the year 1780 when he resided in Bedford County Virginia he was drafted in a Militia Company Commanded by Captain John Trigg, Lieut. John Davis, Ensign William Hancock, under the Command of Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], Col. Maryweather [sic: Meriwether] Major McClure. That they marched from Bedford County to Portsmouth Va. where he thinks he served four months, when he was discharged which discharge has since been lost by time or accident. That some time in the month of June 1781 at Bedford County aforesaid where he still resided, he was drafted in the Company of Militia commanded by Capt Thomas Leftridge [sic: Thomas Leftwich] under the command of Major [John] Overstreet, that he marched through Richmond thence stationed between Little York & Norfolk, untill some time in the month of September following he thinks he serve 3½ months at which time he was discharged which discharge has also been lost by time and accident that during all these periods he was in no considerable battle. That he has no documentary evidence of his said services and that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

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  
That he was born in Bedford County Va he has no record of his age, that he resided in Bedford Co. Va untill about thirty years since when he moved to Greenbrier [sic: Greenbrier] County Va. where he resided about ten years, when he moved to Jackson County Ohio where he now resides & where he has resided about twenty years.

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Interrogatories by the Court

- Question    where and in what year were you born  
Answer     I was born in the County of Bedford Va in the year of our Lord 1761 as I am informed  
Question    have you any record of your age if so where is it  
Ans'r.      I have no written record of my age  
Question    where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live  
Ans'r.      At the time I entered the service I lived in the County of Bedford Va, and resided there sometime after the Revolutionary war and then moved to the County of Greenbrier Va. from which place I moved to the County of Jackson Ohio where I now live  
Question    How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and for who  
Ans.        When I entered the service I was drafted  
Question    did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it  
Ans'r.      I had a discharge for each tour of service performed by me one by Col. Marywether & one by Maj Overstreet, both of which have been lost by time or accident