

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph McDerment S16472

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State of Georgia Madison County: Court of Ordinary Adjourned Term July 8th, 1833

On this Eighth day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Robert Groves, Noah W. Pittman, John Meroney and James Long -- Justices of the Inferior Court now sitting as a Court of Ordinary Joseph McDerment a resident of Capt. Allen's Company, District of Georgia Militia in the County of Clarke & State of Georgia aged 76 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States in September 1777 a Volunteer as a private in the Army Commanded by General Scott [Charles Scott] in Capt. Pollard's Company and served a 3 months tour to wit from September until December following making the 3 months as aforesaid -- this Service was principally performed at Germantown under General Scott as aforesaid -- he also served a tour of 6 weeks under Capt. James Wren at Alexandria and at General George Washington's residence in guarding that place against Gov. Dunmore he cannot recollect the Month nor the year when he performed this tour of duty -- but refers you to the time when Dunmore was doing so much mischief on the Inhabitants in that Section of Country -- from the length of time and the Consequent loss of memory this is the best showing he can make of this 6 weeks tour of duty -- he served a tour of duty of 5 months and a half at the Siege of York and guarding the prisoners after the Surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], he entered this service on the 8th day of July 1781 under Capt. Thomas Lewis -- and served under Major Rucker Col. George West General Weadon [George Weedon] and General Washington -- after the Surrender of Cornwallis this deponent was detached with others to guard part of the prisoners taken at the Siege of York -- the prisoners were marched from York to Leesburg to Noland's Ferry and was discharged from said service the 25th of December 1781 making the five months and a half aforesaid and making the whole of his Service ten months, he served under the following named Officers, to wit, the three months tour to Germantown under Capt. Pollard -- Col. Rumbly¹ & General Scott -- the six weeks tour under Capt. Wren the five months & a half tour at the siege of York under Capt. Thomas Lewis, Major Rucker, Col. George West, General Weadon & General Washington -- he was in no General engagement except the Siege of York -- but in some skirmishes -- he has no discharge nor no documentary evidence -- nor does he know of any person who can testify to his Services except the affidavit of Jacob Woolbright herewith enclosed -- and from the lapse of time and the consequent loss of memory -

¹ PERHAPS Col. William Rumney

- and the death and removal of most of those persons with whom he was acquainted during the Revolutionary War -- this is the best Showing he can make of his Services -- In October last when he made the first declaration (which has been returned) he was living in Madison County. Since which time he has removed just over the line into Clark County but being about the same distance to the Court house in each County and he being better acquainted in Madison than Clark County believed it would be easier to obtain the necessary Certificates in Madison County -- having once made his declaration bear -- is the reason he makes this declaration in Madison County.

In answer to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War department and propounded by the Court the answerith as follows to wit,

Answer to 1st Inter. He was born in Bucks County Pennsylvania either the 3rd or 23rd day of October 1756 -- as has been frequently stated to him by his father

Answer to 2nd Inter. He has no record of his age but believes that he was born as Stated in answer to first In her auto Tory.

Answer to 3rd Inter. He lived in Fairfax County Virginia when he entered the Service he resided in Virginia until after the treaty of peace. He then removed to Fairfield District South Carolina thence to Wilkes County Georgia thence to Jackson County -- thence to Madison County -- thence into the edge of Clarke County where he now resides

Answer to 4th Inter. He volunteered

Answer to 5th Inter. He has stated the names of the officers with whom he served in his declaration which he prays may be taken in answer to this Interrogatory

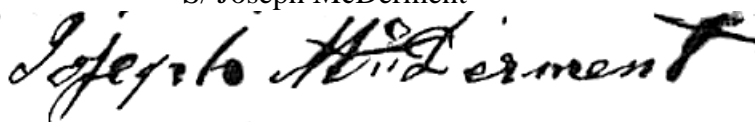
Answer to 6th Inter. He never received a discharge

Answer to 7th. He refers to James Sanders, Major John Bour, Kinchen Strickland, Whitmills H. Adare and William Hodge.

He relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever, or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph McDerment

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph McDerment". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

[Benjamin Brown, a clergyman, and Whitmill H. Adare gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Alabama County of Blount } SS

On this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord 1834 -- before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County of Blount personally appeared Joseph McDerment who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Capt. Thomas Lewis in the Regiment commanded by Col. West in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of Georgia from whence he has lately removed that he now resides (in the County of Blount) in the State of Alabama where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from the State of Georgia to the State of Alabama first because I wish to live with my son who resides in Blount County Alabama and expect to remain with him as long as I live.

S/ Jos. McDerment



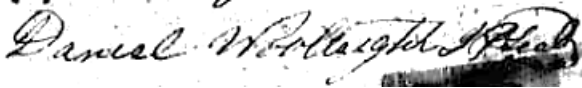
Georgia Wilkes County

Personally came before me Daniel Woolbright [could be Woollright] and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that himself and Joseph McDermont served a three months tour [tour] in the Revolutionary Service in the year 1777 and that he started from Alexandria Fairfax County Virginia under the command of Capt. Pollard and joined the Main Army at Germantown in the State of Pennsylvania and there came under the command of General Scott -- and this deponent further saith that he believes that the said McDermont served other tours in the said war one at Alexandria in building fortifications to preserve said town against Gov. Dunmore -- and further saith that his inability to attend court is such that it is out of his power to do so.

S/ Jacob Woolbright, X his mark

Sworn to before me 3 September 1832

S/ Daniel Woolbright, JP



[p 4: On March 25, 1842 in Madison County Georgia, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Georgia agency he having removed from Alabama to Georgia stating "In the first place a pretended friend prevailed on him to remove from the State of Georgia to the State of Alabama for the purpose of taking care of Deponent as Soon as he had Obtained what affects Deponent had he was turned out of doors deponent then had to return to Georgia to his Children where he now resides in Jackson County Georgia with one of his sons." In this document he describes himself as having formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain John Pollard in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Rumley. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 27 days in the Virginia militia.]