

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Cummings S1659 VA  
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State of Tennessee } SS.

White County } On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County Joseph Cummings a resident of White County aged Seventy One 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

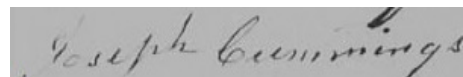
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the year of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Little York [on 19 Oct 1781] he was drafted for six months in Henry County in the State of Virginia. The company to which Declarant belonged was marched by Captain John Renfro, from Henry County to Prince Edward Court House, where the company was placed under the command of Captain Nathaniel Rice and stationed for a short time. During the time they were thus stationed an individual by the name of [Thomas] Jones was his Lieutenant. The company were shortly after the news of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis reached Prince Edward Court House ordered to march to Richmond for the purpose of guarding a number of prisoners. After their arrival their Captain was again changed & they were under the command of Captain Robert Bush. During the time of his stay at Richmond Generals Washington and La Fayette [sic: Lafayette] with the troops marched through Richmond. He remained here until the expiration of his term of six months, when he was discharged by Captain Bush and returned home. He was in no engagement during his service. The company to which he belonged being about the last troops raised was not as declarant believes attached to any Regiment and consequently he had no opportunity of becoming acquainted with the officers of the Army. The only time he ever saw General Washington and General La Fayette was as they marched through Richmond as above stated. He has no documentary evidence of 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.

Answers to the questions prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the Court.

1. He was born in Fauquier County Virginia February 11<sup>th</sup> 1762.
2. He has a record of his age at his house in this County.
3. He was living in Henry County Virginia when called into service. Since the Revolutionary war he moved from there to Jackson County Tennessee. From there to White County Tennessee where he now lives and ha lived for twenty six years past.
4. He was drafted when called into service.
5. He has stated all the officers recollected by him and also the general circumstances of his service.
6. He received a written discharge from Capt. Robert Bush which has long since been lost.
7. He refers to the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. viz: John Medley [pension application S1698] – Maj James Randalls – Turner Lane Sen'r. – Jacob A. Lane – John Medley Sen'r. – William Haley and Samuel Shockley. He cannot produce a minister of the gospel.

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NOTES: John Medley stated that he saw Cummings at Richmond. On 11 April 1836 Cummings explained that he signed his 1833 application with his mark because he forgot to bring his spectacles to Sparta TN when he made the application. On this document he signed his name as shown:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Cummings". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.