

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Casey S16685

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District of Missouri } SS

On this 4th day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Missouri, now sitting, Christopher Casey a resident of Jefferson Township, in the County of Cole and State of Missouri, aged about seventy-five 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, 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he first entered the service as a volunteer, in a Militia Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Warford [Benjamin Wofford] in Major Thomas Brannon [Thomas Brandon] Battalion, Colonel John Thomas Regiment under General Andrew Williamson, that he does not recollect the day and year on which he first entered the service, but knows it was a short time after the capture of Charleston<sup>1</sup> by the British, that whilst under the Command of Captain Wofford he marched against the Cherokee Indians, and took one of their towns situated on Seneca River named Esta-Toa [probably Estatoe<sup>2</sup>] from Esta-Toa he marched to another Indian village on Tugaloo River named Sugar Town, from Sugar Town he marched up the Tugaloo River to another Indian village called Qual-hatchee [maybe a reference to Quacoratchee<sup>3</sup>] that after the three above named Indian towns had been destroyed, he marched down the Tugaloo River to old Kee-Wee [Keewee] and Indian Town where he remained some days destroying the village in cutting down the Corn: That in this expedition Colonel John Thomas and Colonel O'Neil had the command. That at Keewee Colonel Thomas's Regiment was discharged, when he returned home and immediately went out again as a volunteer under Colonel Beard that whilst he was under Colonel Beard he acted as Lieutenant and had the Command of a Post called Harrison's Cabin where he remained until General Williamson crossed the Mountains, marched into the Indian country and compel them to sue for peace. That he afterwards acted as Lieutenant in Captain Peter Brooks Company in Colonel John Thomas Regiment and joined the command of General Andrew Pickens, then he marched down to

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<sup>1</sup> Charleston fell May 12, 1780. From the circumstances he describes, however, the service is most likely to have been rendered in 1776 since that was the year in which Andrew Williamson led a substantial body of militia into the Cherokee Nation. Andrew Williamson surrendered to the British and took parole in June of 1780 so it is very unlikely that the events described by this veteran occurred after the fall of Charleston.

<sup>2</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rw-roads/Conflicts-1775-1782.htm>

<sup>3</sup> ibid.

Orangeburg and crossed the Edisto River where he routed some Camps of Tories. That afterwards he acted as Lieutenant in Captain Peter Brooks company and Colonel Thomas Regiment, Andrew Pickens General, during which time he marched to Bacons Bridge where General Pickens had rendezvoused for the purpose of assisting General Green [Nathanael Greene], who had it in contemplation to make an attack on a place called John's Island as it was reported, and recollects meeting Green on his return from John's Island having as it was said failed in his attempt on that place: That he afterwards was under the command of Colonel Roebuck and continued to serve as Lieutenant during the War in a great many smaller expeditions of little note: That he does not recollect the names of any regular officers except Green not having served with them, did not serve with any Continental Regiments more than above stated. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. That he served at least 3 years during all which time he acted as Lieutenant except in his first expedition when he was a private: that he always served as a volunteer: he does not recollect the year in which he was born, though he believes he is now about 75 years of age: that he has no record of his age: he lived in Spartanburg District in South Carolina when he first entered the service, that the section of Country in which he resided was not called Spartanburg when he first entered the service, but was called Colonel Thomas Fletcher's District and was afterwards called Spartanburg District: some short time after the close of the war he migrated to Kentucky where [he] lived upwards of 20 years from Kentucky he removed to Missouri where he now resides. That he received the Commission of a first Lieutenant signed by Governor Rutledge, that moving from South Carolina to Kentucky, his commission was made wet and destroyed: James Eareckson [sic, James Earickson], Treasurer of the State of Missouri, Elias Barcroft, Auditor of public accounts and John C Edwards Secretary of State can testify as to his character for veracity and as to their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution: 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Earickson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jo Gamble, Clerk

[James Earickson and Elias Barcroft gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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An amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832  
State of Missouri

County of Cole }

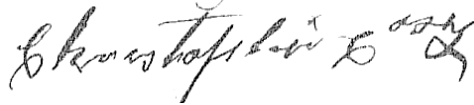
On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May [1833], personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the County Court of Cole County, now sitting, Christopher Casey a resident of Jefferson Township in the County of Cole and State of Missouri, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Amendments to his declaration heretofore made, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832:

The said Christopher Casy [sic] deposeth and saith (being first duly sworn) that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the

precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than these riods [sic, periods] mentioned below, and in the following grades For two years, I served as a first Lieutenant; For one month I served as a private; and for such service I claim a pension:

That the reason was not assigned for not producing a clergyman aforesaid, in the original declaration in consequence of the oversight of the Individual by whom it was drawn up: That the clergyman's affidavit was not obtain, because there was no Clergyman (and there is no clergyman now) residing in the immediate vicinity of this deponent, nor is there one residing in the same Township with this deponent.

S/ Christopher Casey



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An amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832

State of Missouri County of Cole: Scitices

On this 6th day of May 1834, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the County Court of Cole County now sitting, Christopher Casey a resident of Jefferson Township, in the County aforesaid State of Missouri, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amendments to his declaration heretofore made in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832:

The said Christopher Casey deposeth and saith (being first duly sworn) that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served in the expeditions spoken of in his original declaration against the Cherokee Indians under Captain Warford and Colonel John Thomas' Regiment one month as a private: That at Harrison's Cabin mentioned in his declaration he was stationed & had the command as Lieutenant for three months: that under Captain Peter Brooks and Colonel John Thomas Regiment in an expedition against the Tories mentioned in his declaration he served as a Lieutenant for one month: then under the same Captain Brooks at the time spoken of in his declaration when he went to Bacons Bridge he served as Lieutenant for one month: That in one of the expeditions of little note mentioned in his declaration he went as Lieutenant and had the command of a small detachment to Augusta for salt for Colonel Roebuck's Regiment in which expedition he was engaged one month as Lieutenant: That in one of the expeditions of a like character with that just before mentioned he served as Lieutenant for three months in scouring the Country and repelling the incursions of the Tories who were very troublesome during the siege of Ninety Six: Captain Ford and Colonel Kilgore the officers of the Company & Regiment: That he lived in South Carolina and amongst Tories & British was almost continually in service for a number of years, that the expeditions in which he was engaged were of little note & short duration, and he cannot say at this distance of time the precise length of time in which he was engaged in any one of them, but feels no mistake in saying that if the periods of his service during the war as Lieutenant were put together they would make eighteen months.

S/ Christopher Casey

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written in open Court

S/ Jason Harrison, Clerk

[Robert A. Ewing and David Coulter gave the standard supporting affidavit, there being no clergyman residing in the immediate vicinity of the Jefferson Township in Cole County Missouri.]

[p 32: Christopher Stone gave testimony that he was personally acquainted with Christopher Casey and that he was a true friend of his country and served as a Lieutenant during the revolution. Stone does not say that he served under Casey and I could find no application for a federal pension by a person of that name.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$133.30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a Lieutenant in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>4</sup> relating to Christopher Casey	AA 7
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1121	
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No. 114

[No.] 3428


[Book] X 1<sup>st</sup> August 86 [1786

Lieut. Christopher Casey For Militia Duty in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment, since the fall of Charleston per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] amounting to [old South Carolina] Currency £106.15

Sterling £15.5

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received one August 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3428 X  
S/ Christopher Casey



[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 3428 Book X dated August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1786.]

[pp 5-6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Christopher Casey]

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<sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.