

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Culton S16742

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State of Indiana, Morgan County

On this 14th day of June 1834 personally appeared before me Charles Butler an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Morgan, Joseph Culton a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged Sixty eight 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 in the State of Virginia in Montgomery County sometime in the month of August or September in the year 1780 he (being a resident of said County & State) entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war as a private Soldier, and as a Substitute for his Father (James Culton who was drafted) under the command of Captain William Montgomery, and joined a Regiment (at the Lead Mines in said County and State aforesaid) commanded by Colonel William Campbell and marched into the State of North Carolina to the Moravian towns. At which place they continued about a month, had some trouble with the Tories, put one to death &c. Thence they marched to the Yadkin River. Thence to Dan River and there he received a written discharge from Colonel Campbell which discharge he says he has long since lost, not having any expectation of ever deriving any benefit from it. In this tour he cannot recollect the precise length of time his Father was drafted to serve, but says he served as his Substitute as aforesaid not less than two months and two weeks, and was engaged principally in guarding the Whigs from the Tories. And soon after he returned home from the above named tour he (still being a resident of the County and State aforesaid) volunteered into the Service of the United States as a private soldier under the command of Captain William Edmiston [William Edmiston, Edmundson, Edmondson] in the County of Washington in the State of Virginia aforesaid and joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Campbell in the town of Abingdon in said County and State aforesaid. Thence they marched across the Yellow Mountain into the State of North Carolina and joined the several regiments commanded by Colonel Isaac Shelby, Colonel John Sevier, Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Colonel Williams [James Williams] & Colonel McDowell [Joseph McDowell] at Burke Court house. Thence they marched to Kings Mountain and immediately after their arrival there, he was engaged in the memorable battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], which he believes was fought on the 7th of October 1780 and the next day after the said battle he assisted in taking the prisoners to the Moravian towns and soon after their arrival at said towns was discharged from Service, and returned home. In the last mentioned tour he cannot recollect what length of time he volunteered to serve, but says he served not less than one month and two weeks.

And afterwards he believes sometime in the winter of 1781 he was drafted for a three months tour and entered the service as Ensign under Captain Robert Buckannon [Robert Buchanan] in Montgomery County in the State of Virginia aforesaid (he still being a resident of said County) and joined a Regiment at the lead mines in said County commanded by Colonel Preston. Thence marched into the state of North Carolina to a place called Alamance and there joined General Green's [Nathanael

Greene's] Army. Thence they marched to a place called Whitsell's [sic, Wetzel's or Weitzel's] Mills on the Reedy fork of Haw River. At which place they had a small engagement [March 6, 1781] with a part of Cornwallis's Army. He cannot recollect at what time said battle was fought nor many of the events of the same, but well recollects it was but a few days before the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781]. He was discharged from service the next day after the said battle was fought at Weitzel's Mills and returned home, the time having expired for which he was drafted. He received a written discharge but has lost it. In the last mentioned tour he served three months as Ensign. In the two first mentioned tours he served not less than four months as a private Soldier, and having served three in the last mentioned tour, which time when added to the two first, makes in all the term of seven months he served as a private and Ensign as aforesaid in the revolution, and for which service he claims a pension. 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 any Agency in any State or Territory.

In answer to the interrogatories presented by the war department, he says:

1st : That he was born in Augusta County in the State of Virginia in the year 1766.

2nd : That his Father recorded his age in his family Bible he thinks it is now in the possession of his Brother in law, Randolph Gibson, who resides in the State of Tennessee on Tennessee River.

3rd : He was living in the State of Virginia in Montgomery County when he entered the Service and continued to reside there for several years after the conclusion of the war. Thence he removed to the State of South Carolina and continued there for about the space of ten years. Thence he removed to the State of Kentucky, Garrard County. Thence to Knox County in said State; thence in the year 1811 he removed to Floyd County Indiana – Thence in the year 1821 he removed to Morgan County, Indiana where he now resides.

4th : He entered the service as a Substitute for his Father James Culton who was drafted.

5th : He says he cannot state more satisfactorily the general circumstances of his Service than he has done in his forgoing declaration nor many of the names of the regular officers. He, however, well recollects General Greene who was in the regular service as he believes. Also Col William Campbell, Col Shelby, Col Sevier, Col McDowell and Col. Williams, who commanded at the battle of Kings Mountain.

6th : He received discharges from the Service signed by Cols. Campbell & Preston which discharges he has long since lost. He received a commission as Ensign signed by Col. Walker Crockett of Montgomery County Virginia which he has long since lost.

7th : He has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services. He is well acquainted with James Lunsford, a respectable Clergyman and Jonathan Williams, John Scaggs, Grant Stafford and James A. Laughlin who resided in his neighborhood in the County of Morgan aforesaid who can testify to this declarant's character for veracity and their belief of his Services as well as his reputation 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 any agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed on this day and year first above written before me.

S/ Jos. Culton



S/ Chas. Butler, {SEAL}

Justice of the Peace

[James Lunsford, a clergyman and John Scaggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: On February 11, 1846 in Jasper County Missouri, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Indiana agency to the Missouri agency he having moved from the state of

Indiana to Missouri in the month of June 1742; he stated as his reason for removing to Missouri was to be with his son James Culton who had moved from Indiana to Missouri in 1842. This document he signed with his mark. His application was supported by the affidavit of James Culton [presumably the veteran son but not stated as such] and Joseph L Laughlin.

James Culton
Joseph L. Laughlin

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 ½ per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]