

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jeffries S16888

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State of Indiana Tippecanoe County: Tippecanoe Circuit Court October Term A.D. 1832

On this 11th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John R Porter President judge and James Wylie and John Provolt his Associates judges of the Circuit Court of Tippecanoe County now sitting John Jeffries a resident of Fairfield Township in the County of Tippecanoe in the State of Indiana aged seventy-two years the 7th day of February last past, 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 into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; that he was called out as a private under Captain William Gatewood (Colonel Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson] & General Nelson [Thomas Nelson]) in the County of Essex in the State of Virginia, as he verily believes in the year 1777 for the term of two months, and marched from Essex County to Richmond and towards the mountains to prevent the British from attacking in cutting off General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] Army But his Regiment and Company is not recollected by him now, and was marched back to Essex County and dismissed, but received no written discharge. And in a short time after that he volunteered under Captain William Warren (Colonel Holt Richardson) in Essex County Virginia for two months and marched to old Williamsburg the old seat of government and to Jamestown, and was marched back to Essex County and dismissed, but received no written discharge. Then in a short time after that he volunteered again under Major ___ Armstead (General Weeden [George Weedon]) in King & Queen County Virginia, the length of time not now recollected, had a skirmish with the British at Manchester, British burn the warehouses [April 30, 1781] and a large quantity of Tobacco; and marched and joined the main Army near Richmond on James River commanded by General Lafayette and marched to Shocco hill [Shockoe Hill], and there dismissed. A short time after that he volunteered again under Captain John Webb in Essex County in the 7th Continental Virginia Regiment (as he believes) (Colonel William Roane) he does not recollect for what length of time he did engage nor how long he served in that engagement, marched to Holt's Ford [Holt's forge] on Chickahominy River, by old Williamsburg to little York, where and when Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] Surrendered [October 19, 1781] & got a discharge in writing signed by Captain John Webb and Colonel William Roane; and that he served in the revolutionary war in the several aforesaid engagements longer than and over 8 months when he returned home to Essex County in Virginia he put his said discharge in the ceiling or pallister overhead in his father's house and has never seen it since, and that he does not know where it is now, is or that since that time he has resided a part of his time in the State of

Virginia, part in the State of North Carolina, part in the state of Ohio and of late in the State of Indiana: and that he has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service: And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Jeffries

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Jeffries".

[John Hoover and Daniel Hoover gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]