

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Palmer S17004

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State of Indiana Pike County }

On this 10th day of October 1832 personally in open Court before the Pike County circuit Court now sitting John Palmer resident in the County aforesaid aged Sixty-Seven 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That sometime in the year 1781 when he lived in what is now called Union County South Carolina his Father Thomas Palmer was drafted for the term of two months and that this declarant went into the service as a substitute for his Father under the command of Captain Putnam [John Putnam] of the South Carolina Militia of the company being mounted men attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Brandon [Thomas Brandon] and that he served two months, that during this time his company with others went down from Bush River [?] on to the Edisto in pursuit of Tories that during this scout they got on the pursuit of one Cunningham [William Cunningham, known as "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] a noted Tory and pressed him so close that they took his wife and some of his Baggage. That soon after the Battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] he this applicant was drafted for two months to guard the jail at Orangeburg in which some Tories were confined that the company to which he was attached was commanded by Lieutenant McDougal [Alexander McDougal] of the South Carolina Militia and that they spent the two months guarding the jail -- he recollects that on passing the battle ground at Eutaw the carcasses of the Horses killed in that battle appeared quite fresh by which he is able to say it was soon after that battle -- That about three months after the last tour of service he was again drafted for another tour of two months and was attached to a company commanded by Captain Bailey and was marched to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River about 17 miles from Charleston with his company was stationed -- that the detachment of Militia with [which] he served this tour was commanded by Major Jolly [Benjamin Jolly] of the South Carolina Militia that they were attached to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army and he served the two months out -- during this term he was in no Battle but were employed in scouting and watching the English scouts. That he was born in Union County South Carolina in the year 1766 and that he has a Record of his Birth in his father's Bible which this declarant now has in his possession at home.

That he lived in Union County at and during the different times he was called into the service in the manner above stated and lived there about 20 years after the war and that since he left Carolina he has lived in Indiana and now lives in said State in Pike County.

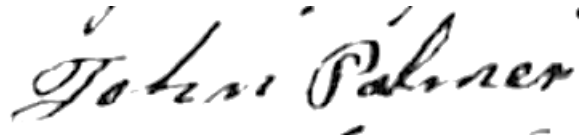
That he never received any discharge as he recollects.

That on this tour of duty on the Edisto he was a part of the time attached to Colonel Hammond's [Samuel Hammond's] Regiment of US Dragoons and in the company commanded by Captain Butler of the Dragoons that while at Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River he frequently saw General Greene of the Army but had but little opportunity of knowing any of the General officers of the Army.

He states that he is known to Samuel Stuckey, John McIntire and many other persons in his neighborhood and many others who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That he has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no person except James Vail¹ whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 or Territory.

S/ John Palmer



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John McIntire, CPCC

[John McIntire and Samuel Stuckey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Pike County Sct}

James C. Veale being duly sworn according to law deposeseth and saith that a short time before and at the time the English Evacuated Charleston [the British evacuated Charleston South Carolina in December 1782] he was in the service of the United States as a volunteer Militia Man under the command of Major Benjamin Jolly of the South Carolina Militia and was stationed at Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River and that whilst stationed there he became acquainted with John Palmer now residing in Pike County aforesaid that said Palmer was at that time a militia soldier under the command of Major Jolly. But he does not now recollect that he knew the officers commanding said Palmer's company -- this Deponent states that while in South Carolina he lived about 25 miles distant from Palmer and that he has been ever since acquainted with him and that he has been acquainted with Palmer in the State of Indiana for about 17 years past and that further this deponent saith not.

S/ James C. Veale



Subscribed and sworn to before me a Justice of the Peaceful Pike County aforesaid this 10th of October 1832

S/ Meredith Howard, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]

¹ Sic, [James Carr Veale W9586](#)