

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Job Rountree S18187
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South Carolina, Barnwell District

Declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

On the 25th day of July 1834, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Ordinary now sitting, Job Rountree a Resident of the district & State aforesaid, aged Seventy three years, who being first and 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 & served as herein stated: Declarant being then a resident of South Carolina, volunteered as a private in the Militia Service of the said State to served during the War under the immediate command of Captain Joseph Vince in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James McCoy at Steel Creek on Savannah River in the year 1776 (the day & month he does not recollect). Captain Vince was duly commissioned & called into service by the said State to serve during the War & his company & three others commanded by Captains Creech, Carr & Inman formed the Regiment commanded by Colonel McCoy. William Vince, Jethro Wood & Joseph Harley were successively first Lieutenants under Captain Vince & the Captain, [on] one occasion being disabled by a wound, Joseph Harley commanded the company for some time. That the principal duty assigned to the said Militia company was to guard the passes of the Savannah River between the City of Savannah & Augusta and to prevent the Enemy from transporting arms and munitions by the River – from the Sea Board into the interior. That the first action in which he was engaged was on the Savannah River, near the mouth of the Little Briar Creek in South Carolina with a party of British, Tories & Indians. The Americans consisted of one hundred & eighteen men, being half of McCoy's Regiment & commanded by him [McCoy]. He does not recollect who commanded the Enemy or the number killed on either side; but the enemy sustained much the greater loss, & it was reported that eighty Indians were left dead on the ground. The Americans took their boats loaded with guns & ammunition. That the next engagement in which he was concerned was on the Upper Three Runs [Creek] and South Carolina where a detachment from Captain Vince's company was met by a party of Tories commanded by one Ellery [?], the enemy was routed & lost nine men, the Whigs had only one man wounded, after this a part of the Company under the command of Captain Vince met on Edisto River a company of Tories, commanded by one Franklin and a partial engagement ensued in which one Whig was killed and the enemy lost three men. From thence the detachment in a company with a squadron of Light Horse from the Upper Country (the declarant does not recollect by whom commanded) marched towards Charleston in pursuit of a considerable party of British & Tories, who took refuge in Charleston. That he was at the siege of Augusta with the Regiment under the command of Colonel McCoy & assisted in opening the trenches, but was confined to the Hospital by an imposthume [?] on his thigh the day the Fort commanded by Major or Colonel Grierson was stormed. The siege was carried on by regular & Militia combined, the latter of whom he believes was commanded by Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens], but does not recollect the names of the officers who commanded the

Regulars – and having no intercourse with the Army out of his own company the names of the officers did not become familiar to him & he does not now recollect the names of any of the Continental officers. Colonel Brown commanded the British & Tories. After the Fort had surrendered, Grierson who was said to be a Tory & a very bad man was killed by a single shot fired it was supposed intentionally. The declarant served as a private fully five years during which time he was in a great number of skirmishes (of which it is not deemed necessary to give a detailed account) in which many men were killed on both sides, it being a rule with both parties not to give quarter. That during that period he served constantly in the field & was not employed in any civil pursuit. At the close of the War he was regularly discharged, at the mouth of Steel Creek on Savannah River by his commanding officer, but he does not recollect the date of his discharge. That by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, the declarant cannot swear positively as to the precise time or length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private not less than five years as above stated & that by accident & the lapse of time his papers have been destroyed or lost and that he has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any person now living who can testify positively to the same except James Young of Barnwell district. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Job Rountree, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Orsamus D. Allen, Judge of the Court of Ordinary

[Hansford D. Duncan, a clergyman, and Joseph J. Harley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina, Barnwell District

On the 25th day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Ordinary now sitting James Young¹ of the district & State aforesaid, aged 71 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, says that he entered the service of the United States in 1777 in a company of South Carolina militia commanded by Captain Joseph Vince in which he served to the end of the War; and this deponent further says that he distinctly recollects that Job Rountree [was] a private in the same company & bore the character of a brave & faithful soldier. That the declaration hereto annexed made by the said Job Rountree on the 25th day of July 1834 has been read over to him; that he knows many of the facts therein stated to be true, and that he believes such facts as do not come within his knowledge or recollection to be true.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Young, \\\ his mark

S/ Orsamus D. Allen, Judge of the Court of Ordinary

South Carolina, Barnwell District

On the 25th day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Ordinary now sitting Job Rountree of the district & State aforesaid and the several questions directed to be propounded to applicants for pensions under the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832 by the instructions from the War Department being propounded to him, he on his oath answers:

I was born in North Carolina at or near a place called Goshen on the 13th March as I have been informed by my parents who removed to South Carolina while I was quite an infant. I do not recollect the year of my [birth], but according to the best of my information & recollection it was in or about the year 1761.

I am informed that there was a record of my age in a family Bible supposed to have been in the possession of my Brother John who removed to & died in Alabama several years ago. I have never had it in my possession, nor am I now able to procure it.

¹ [James Young R11977](#)

When I entered the service I was living on Savannah River within 15 miles of the place where I now live. I have lived in the same place & neighborhood ever since. I now live in Ned's Branch waters of Savannah River in Barnwell district, South Carolina. I volunteered with the service. I served with Continental officers at the siege of Augusta having no intercourse with them, I do not recollect their names. I have an indistinct recollection of Colonel or General Lee, but I cannot say positively that he was present or that I saw him, my recollection of names is very indistinct. There were a great number of militia from South Carolina & some from Georgia. I knew that Tarleton Brown was at the siege of Augusta & I think that he had the command of a small militia company. Except at Augusta, I never served in company with officers except those of my own Regiment, all of whom I believe I have already named except Joshua Inman who was a Major & was killed at Augusta. The war in this part of the State was generally carried on by small parties, innumerable murders were committed & houses burnt on both sides. I received a discharge from service from Captain Vince which was accidentally destroyed some time afterward.

I think that George R. Dunbar, Stephen Smith, Tarleton Brown, Dr. Joseph J. Harley, George Robinson, Preston Harley & many others residing in my neighborhood will testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my service as a Soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Job Rountree, X his mark

Sworn to & he described the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Orsamus D. Allen, Judge of the Court of Ordinary

State of South Carolina Barnwell District:

Personally appeared before me Lewis O'Bannon one of the justices assigned to keep the peace in the State & District aforesaid Job Roundtree who after being sworn as the law directs saith according to the best of his knowledge & recollection that he did enter into the service of the United States in the year 1779 by joining a company of mounted dragoons commanded by Captain Joseph since & that he did remain in continual & active service until the conclusion of the war

Sworn to before me this the 3rd of May 1841

S/ L. O'Bannon, QU

S/ Job Rountree, X his mark

[fn p. 41: indents from the office of the Comptroller general of South Carolina showing payments made to Job Roundtree for militia services of 300 days in the years 1781 and 82 in the South Carolina militia.]

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State of South Carolina Barnwell District

Appeared personally before me William H. Payton a Justice of the Quorum in and for the District and State aforesaid, Colonel Tarlton Brown² of same place, who after being duly sworn; saith, that he was acquainted with Job Roundtree during the War of the Revolution, he knows of his own knowledge that said Job Roundtree was a true week and friend to the American cause; he the said Job Roundtree was with Captain Joseph Vince he further says the said Job Roundtree was at the siege of Augusta in Georgia in the year 1781, and he believes, continued with Captain Joseph Vince scouting until the end of the war. He the said Tarlton Brown further says, from all the circumstances which came to his knowledge during the war of the Revolution, he is perfectly satisfied the said Job Roundtree is worthy to receive the benefits of the pension laws of the United States of America.

Sworn to before me this 21st day of November 1839

S/ William H. Peyton, QU

S/Tarlton Brown

² [Tarlton Brown S21665](#)

South Carolina Barnwell District: Personally came before me Absalom Green and on being duly sworn as the law directs, declareth that he was well acquainted with Job Rountree during the old Revolutionary War. That the said Job Rountree serve as a private Soldier under Captain Joseph Vince during the time of about 5 years, and afterwards under Captain William Womuck [sic, Womack?] About the time of one year, and the said Absalom Greene was also with said Job Rountree under the command of Captain Daniel Greene during the term of 3 months.

The said Deponent also saith that Job Rountree was in an engagement on Edisto River at a place called Moncks Corner at which time & place ma[paper torn, text missing] fell. He Rountree served there under Captain Joseph Vince. Job Rountree was also at the siege of Augusta under Captain William Wom[paper torn, text missing] also send Rountree was at the battle at Br[paper torn, text missing] creek under Captain Vince. The said Absalom Greene also says that the above named officers Captains Vince & Womuck & Green were Regular commissioned officers acting in accordance with the authority of these United States & that the private's were Regular drafted man called into service by the authority of the States. Sworn to before me this 21st day of October 1839.

S/ Absalom Green

South Carolina Barnwell District

Appeared personally before me Jos. G. W. Duncan Justice of the war on in and for said State & district Mr. George Robison of the same place, who after being sworn, saith that he was acquainted with Job Rountree during the war of the revolution, he knows of his own knowledge that the said Job Rountree was with and served under Captain Joseph Vince for at least 6 months, and that the said Job Rountree was a true Whig and altogether friendly to the American cause.

S/ George Robison

Sworn to before me this 2nd November 1839

S/ Jos. G. W. Duncan, QU