

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Wise S18284

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South Carolina Edgefield District

On this first day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of said State and District Jacob Wise a resident of said State and District who after being duly sworn as the law directs makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 –

That he was born in the State of South Carolina, and is now seventy-three years of age -- that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war in a volunteer company commanded by Captain John Hammond, which said company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Leroy Hammond, which said Regiment formed a part of a Brigade commanded by Brigadier General Andrew Williamson -- that in said company he went in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians -- that this Deponent was not then in any regular engagement against the Indians, but that he was personally present and rendered active service in destroying one of their principal towns and cutting down their Corn etc. --

That in some time afterwards he proceeded to the Floridas in a militia company commanded by Captain Frank Singfield [sic, Francis Siquefield] attached to the above named Regiment and Brigade, against the British forces, that he was absent in said expedition about three months, and that he was then marched ~~back~~ to Georgia and discharged -- that his next service was in the expedition to Stono that he was then commanded by Captain John Hammond, and was a private in his company -- that said company was attached to Colonel Leroy Hammond's Regiment and was part of General Williamsons Brigade --

The Deponent has further to state that he was at various times and under various Captains (among whom he would mention Captain Ryan, Captain Carter [or Curtis], Captain Bacon and others) in expeditions against the Tories and disaffected persons, and that the whole period of his service in the Revolutionary war was 2 years --

Sworn to in Court before Richard Gantt, P.J.

S/ Jacob Wise

[Samuel Hammond and Joshua Hammond gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Jacob Wise a Claimant for a Pension under the laws of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 called upon the undersigned for Supplementary Testimony in his behalf;

In this Case I have to declare that I have no Personal knowledge of his services prior to January or February 1779, in one of those months I found him doing duty as a Private in a company of Militia & commanded by John Hammond of Colonel Leroy Hammond's Regiment & A. Williamson's Brigade, at his Headquarters, nearly opposite Augusta, he being in the Company of a near Relation & messing with the Captain & unactive [sic? inactive?] men, fixed him in my Memory. That Company continued in service upwards of four months & performed several detachment Tours of importance, after that my Command being separated from Colonel Hammond's, I know nothing further of Mr. Wise's Services until Charleston was taken by the British, in May 1780. I then collected a small number of Volunteers to Retreat northwardly to join any Troops we might find opposing the British invaders, Jacob Wise was one of 73 who enrolled themselves with me. His Father furnished [indecipherable word, looks like "funy"] & Provisions while the Company was preparing to Retreat, & Beef, Bread, etc. for the Journey -- at the moment intended to march, several of the Company proposed to disperse, secrete [secret] themselves in the neighborhood and Wate [wait] for a more favorable opportunity to get away -- Jacob Wise was one of them, about half the number collected at so much peril & provisions took that course the balance continued with me & we made our way safely. The Swamps were searched & Jacob Wise & several others were taken by the British. Old Mr. Wise, H. Breton & several others were sent to Charleston, put on Board Prison Ships & died there, Jacob was paroled after severe confinement; Upon my return to the District under the Orders of Generals Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & Pickens [Andrew Pickens] prior to the Siege & taking the forts at Augusta, I found Jacob Wise doing duty in the company formerly commanded by John Hammond, D^d, now Captain Nathaniel Bacon after that sometimes with Captains Ryan & Carter & lastly in the command of a Company as a Lieutenant by nomination but [several indecipherable words interlined] of Militia which I believe had been formerly commanded by Benjamin Hatcher¹ who had been killed in service Previously, how long he commanded that Company I cannot say with precision, he had several skirmishes with the Tories, & lost some Brave & Valuable men, I have only his reports of these affairs to sustain my Recollections & I find on Examining them that they are on small slip of paper, scarcely intelligible, & all without dates -- The said Jacob Wise as he had not been Commissioned as a Lieutenant though he acted as such by Election only claims as a Soldier. From all that I recollect, and from memorandums still preserved, I am fully satisfied, that he served as he states something over 2 years, Exclusive of the Florida & Cherokee Expeditions of which I have no personal knowledge.

South Carolina Edgefield District: Personally appeared before me M. Grey a Justice of the Quorum in and for the District aforesaid, Samuel Hammond, who being duly sworn saith upon his oath, that the foregoing Statement is to the best of his knowledge strictly correct.

Sworn to before me

S/ S. Hammond²

this the 18th November 1837

S/ M. Grey, Qu.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 2 years service in the South Carolina militia.]

¹ [Benjamin Hatcher W21275](#)

² [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)