

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jewell (Jewel) S1837

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State of Tennessee, Davidson County: SS

On this 17th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Davidson now sitting William Jewel a resident of said County & State aged 75, 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.

I lived in North Carolina during the Revolutionary War. About the year 1777, I volunteered my service to go on an expedition low down in North Carolina to suppress a rising of the Tories & Scotch which took place in that part of the State near Cross Creek, but in what County I do not now recollect. We had no opportunity of encountering the Scotch & Tories at this time for they had been routed before¹ we reached the place of their rising. In this expedition I was commanded by Griffith Rutherford as General, Christopher Bateman [Christopher Beekman, Lt. Col.] as Colonel & John Hardin [John Harden] as Captain. This was a tour of about one month. I resided at this time in Burke County. In the year 1779 about the 1st of March I volunteered for three months; General Butler [John Butler] was General of the volunteers, Charles McDowell was my Colonel & Joseph White my Captain. We paraded at Charlotte 8th March 1779 in Mecklenburg County & marched to Edisto [River] in South Carolina & from that [place to] Savannah River where we joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army from thence we marched to Bacon Bridge [Bacon's Bridge] where we remained some days, we were fired on here by some of the skirmishing parties of British & Tories. I was employed here to take home one of the discharged wagons & saw no further service in this tour. In 1780 or '81 I was engaged in service against the Tories for the better part of the summer occasionally at home but most frequently abroad frequently skirmishing with the enemy. In one of which skirmishes at the head of Muddy Creek in Burke County, Captain White was wounded.² In this service Charles McDowell was my Colonel & Joseph White my Captain. During this summer I was engaged in the battle at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780]³ where the Tories received a signal defeat. Colonels Campbell [William Campbell], Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Sevier [John Sevier] commanded in this engagement & Jonathan Camp [a/k/a Jonathan Kemp] was my Captain. We defeated & took the whole of the British & Tories force who were engaged & commanded by Colonel Patrick Ferguson. I went as one of the guard of the prisoners from the field of Battle to

¹ Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html

² Capt. Joseph White was wounded at the engagement at Cane Creek, September 12, 1780

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cane_creek.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

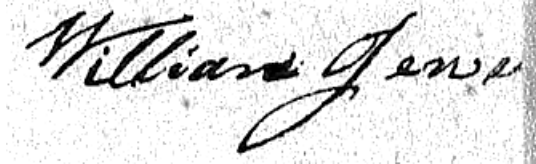
the Moravian Towns in North Carolina a distance of something like 200 miles. Here we were dismissed & this tour ended. I will also state that in several of my tours of service I received discharges but not thinking them of any value have failed to preserve them.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

Test: Henry Ewing, Clerk of
Davidson County Court

S/ William Jewe [sic, signature damaged]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jewe". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background. The letters are somewhat slanted and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Jewe".

[William Gower, a clergyman, and William Lytle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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

[Note: Correspondence in the file refers to the veteran as "William Jewell"]