

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Jeffreys (Jeffries) S18470

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State of Virginia Pittsylvania County (to wit)

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Stephen Coleman, John L. Adams, Vincent Witcher and Wm. M. Williams the court of Pittsylvania County now sitting William Jeffreys a resident of the said Count, and state aforesaid aged 74 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 enlisted in the army of the United States early in the year 1777 with Samuel Colston in the County of Richmond in the State of Virginia for two years. he was attached to Captain Jeffres' Company of the Va. State line and marched with him to Alexandria. his men were vaccinated at that place for the Small Pox and remained there about two months, then marched through GeorgeTown to Baltimore and staid there about four weeks, then marched through Lancaster to the Valley forge in the state of Pennsylvania. at that place they joined the 15th Regiment under the command of Major Mercer in General Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigade. He was then put under Lieut. [Lawrence] Butler who soon became Captain in the said 15 Regiment, of the virginia line. they remained at the said Valley forge during the winter of 1778. early in the spring the army marched to Stone Chimney on its march he was taken sick and was sent to the Hospital about five miles from the Valley forge, was confined there untill the month of June. When he joined the said company again in the main army, at the White plains in the State of New York and remained there untill the fall, the British not then far off. The American army then persued from place to place and had an engagement with them at Brandywine [sic: Battle of Brandywine PA was 11 Sep 1777]. the American army was forced to retreat and went to White marsh [Whitemarsh PA] thence it was principally marching in different directions untill it took up Winter Quarters at [blank: winter quarters in 1778-79 were at Middlebrook NJ] that in the spring following he was discharged having served two years under that enlistment, and then returned home in the year 1779 his discharge is lost or mislaid and cannot be found He does not know He does not know a person now living that was in that service with him. In the year 1780 He moved from the County of Richmond to Pittsylvania County Virginia in the winter of 1781 The British were in the State of North Carolina. He volunteered in a Company of Malitia and marched from the County of Pittsylvania under Capt Joshua Stone to Boyds Ferry on Dan river. from there into the state of North Carolina marching in various directions untill he arrived at the High Rock in Rockingham County [formed from Guilford County in 1785] N.C. He was then discharged by Capt Stone in the month of March 1781. The whole time of service rendered on this Tower was 8 or 9 weeks his discharge is lost and cannot be found. And He does not know a person living that was in service with him at that time. About the first of August 1781 he was drafted in a company of Malitia and marched from the County of Pittsylvania under Capt William Dix and Lieut David Hunt & Ensign Clement McDaniel to Little york and was stationed there in Colo. Meryweathers [sic: Meriwether's] Regiment untill Lord Cornwallis surrendered himself and his army to General George Washington in the month of October [19th] 1781. He was then ordered to march with Capt Charles Williams & Lieut David Hunt to Guard the British prisoners taken at Little York to Nolands ferry on the Potomac river. He was discharged verbally by Capt Charles Williams at the said Nolands ferry in the month of November 1781. the whole time of service rendered on this tower including the time of Travelling from home was upwards of Four months the service rendered is proved by Isham Farmer and Lewis Haley [pension application S5487], who were soldiers with him in the same company He was born in the County of Richmond in the state of Virginia He supposes in the year 1758 He has no record of his age. He lived in the County of Richmond when he entered in the army of the revolution in the year 1777 — He lived in the County of Pittsylvania when the war ended and lived in the said County 10 years, then moved to the County of Halifax in the state of Virginia and lived in that County 15 years, then removed to the County of Pittsylvania and has lived in that County ever since. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
William hisXmark Jeffres

I Isham Farmer of Pittsylvania County and State of Virginia do hereby certify and Solemly swear that during of the revolutionary war I was drafted in the Malitia service of the United States, and marched under the command of Capt. William Dix and Lieutenant Clement McDaniel from the said County to Little York. that I was stationed at that place and was attached to the Regiment Commanded by Col. Meryweather and that William Jeffreys of said County was drafted into the service at the same Time and marched with him under the same officers and was attached to the same Company and Regiment and stationed at the same place and that both of us were present when Lord CornWallis surrendered his forces to General Washington, and that the said William Jeffres was honorably discharged. Given under my hand this 25th day of July 1832.

Isham Farmer