

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jackman Purkinson [Perkinson?] S2012

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State of Tennessee Wilson County: A Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832

On this day viz., Sept. 24th 1832, personally appeared in open Court before James M Martin, David C Hibbitts & Toverner Spradlin the same being the Quorum justices holding said court, which is a court of record, Jackman Purkinson, who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He was born in Amelia County in the State of Virginia in the year 1765 as well as he now remembers.

Secondly, he has no record of his age, – his only knowledge of it is derived from his relations.

Thirdly, When he was called into service he resided in the said County of Amelia, & still remained there after the war was ended, until about the year 1810 or 1812 when he removed to Wilson County in the State of Tennessee, where he has resided ever since, with some temporary engagements in the adjacent County of Sumner. He now lives in the said County of Wilson.

Fourth, Fifth & Sixth. In the year 1780, he thinks, he volunteered to serve in the Army of the revolution in the Virginia line. His Captain was by the name of Hudson [perhaps, Richard Hudson], – his Majors Boice [possibly, William Boyce or William Boyd] & Overstreet, – as well is he can now recollect. He was a common Soldier. He was engaged in the battle of Camden which was fought with the British on the 16th August 1780. During the march to Camden Captain Hudson was taken sick, & James Dupee [?]¹ then took command of the Company. Hudson died soon afterwards. They remained at Pedee [River] at Brown's ferry for some time, when they crossed & marched on to their destination. They marched a great deal in the night. After the battle, under the command of General Gates [Horatio Gates], who disgracefully retreated, the troops with whom he acted got together again at the same ferry on the Pedee. They marched from that place to Taylor's ferry on the Roanoke [River] where they remained until they were discharged after a service of two or three months. He received a written discharge but has long since lost it.

In the year 1781 he was drafted & entered the service under the command of Captain Anderson Freeman in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Beverly Tucker, the name of the majors not recollected. They marched direct to Guilford Court-house, where he was engaged in

James Dupee

the battle fought at that place on the 15th of March 1781. His Brigade was commanded by General Robert Lawson. The battle was commenced by the militia about 8 o'clock, & about 11 or 12 o'clock the militia retreated & gave place to the regulars, – they got to Ross' or Troublesome iron works where they remained three days. His Colonel Tucker was in that engagement wounded in the leg. General Green [Nathanael Greene] was commander in chief. He served on this occasion two months. At the end of which time he was honorably discharged, & received a written discharge which he has since & long ago lost or mislaid.

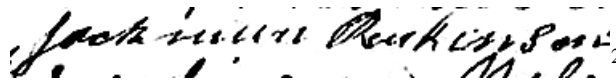
About two months after he returned from this service, he was drafted on a call for troops when the state was invaded, & went on to the Army, where he was offered the option either to proceed in that tower [tour], or enlist during the war, & enter into actual service at any time the enemy should either appear or threaten to appear, within the borders of the state of Virginia, & when the enemy was not within the state to be at home on furlough. He preferred to enlist, & did so. He went out into actual service soon after said enlistment under the command of Captain Edmond Munford in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Randolph. He thus enlisted during the war in what was called the Legion service, under the circumstances above stated sometime in the spring of 1781 and was in actual service three or four times in different parts of the state for longer & shorter periods according to the exigencies of the times & the orders of our officers. He was during that time in actual service about three or four months, not less than three months. He was in no engagements during this time, but performed some hard service. He was not discharged until the end of the war, after the defeat of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781].

So this declarant was in actual service seven or eight months. He has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any individual in this state by whom he can prove them.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

The following are some of the persons to whom this deponent is known in his present neighborhood & who will testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution viz., Thomas Watson Junior & Senior, Hugh Robinson Esquire, Doctor McCorde, Colonel George Williamson, Major James Williamson, Major A. McClain, Colonel George Smith, General Daniel Donelson, James Sanders Esquire & others
Sworn to & subscribed in open court 25th September 1832.

S/ Jackman Purkinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackman Purkinson". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat slanted to the right. There are some faint marks below the signature, possibly initials or a date.

[Ezekiel Cloyd, a clergyman, and Alfred McClain gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]

² Looks more like "Jackman Rurkinson" to me