

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Jackson S21317

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State of South Carolina, Chester District: In the court of ordinary

On this twenty fourth day of December in the year of our Lord 1832, Personally came and appeared in open court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the court of ordinary for said District and State, now sitting Benjamin Jackson (aged Seventy four years next July 1833, who was born in North Carolina and removed from that State to Chester District South Carolina and have resided in said District ever since) who being 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 was born in Halifax County North Carolina and at the age of Sixteen entered the service in the Revolutionary war and continued in the service of the United States fourteen months and fifteen days – my first tour was three months under Captain Tolly Powell [William Ptolemy Powell] of Halifax North Carolina of the Militia, I was stationed in that town three months guarding the magazine; I was next in a tour of six months under Captain William Gill of North Carolina who marched us into the State of South Carolina in the year __ but was in no particular Battle But was attached to the Army under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and was under the line of march through that State to Briar Creek Georgia to join General Ash [sic, John Ashe], who got defeated at that place [Battle of briar Creek, March 3, 1779]¹: The intention of General Rutherford's marching us to that place, was to reinforce General Ashe. I was discharged at a place called the White House on the 10th of April by Captain William Gill – the next tour I served was three months under Captain Johnston² (of North Carolina) a part of the time I served under him, and the balance of this tour I served under Captain Francis Locke [sic, Col. Francis Locke] also of North Carolina and again marched in the State of South Carolina and was in the engagement between the British and Americans at the Gum Swamp near Camden under the command of General Gates [Horatio Gates], who got defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780];³ in this Battle I acted as orderly Sergeant; and as such about one half of this tour, the next time after the above I was ordered out for another three months tour, and served two months and a half of this tour under the command of Captain Ambrose Harper of North Carolina in a light horse Troop – called the County light horse Troop immediately after the British had marched through Halifax Town, on their way to little York Town, where they met with a general defeat. And that he has no written evidence of his services and that he knows of no person at this late period, whose testimony he can procure, who can

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

² Possibly a reference to Capt. John Johnston who was in command of a company of militia under Col. Francis Locke at the Battle of Camden

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

testify to his services except John Neal and Charles Wall, Charles Thorn. And that 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 in open court before me this 24th day of December 1832
S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

S/ Benjamin Jackson, X his mark

[Nathaniel C. Barber, a clergyman, of Fairfield District, South Carolina, and Charles Thorn of Chester District gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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1st When and in what year were you born?

An: I was born in North Carolina, in the County of Halifax and I was born in the year 1759.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

An: I have no record of my age and if there ever was any I know not where it is.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

An: I was living in North Carolina in Halifax County and about the year 1778 – after the war I removed to South Carolina Chester District, and have lived there ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

An: The first time I volunteered under Captain J. Powell, second time substituted for Daniel Noland, third time substituted for John Pain.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Tolly Powell Captain, Captain William Gill both of North Carolina the latter marched into South Carolina, we were in no particular battle, while in South Carolina, I was attached to General Rutherford, and was on the line of march through that State to Briar Creek in Georgia, to join General Ashe, the object of General Rutherford was to reinforce that General but he was defeated before that could be affected, and I was discharged on the 10th of April from further service on that tour the next tour I served was three months under Captain Johnston of North Carolina a part of this time I served under him & the balance under Captain Francis Locke also of North Carolina and again was marched in South Carolina, and was in the battle, at the Gum Swamp, near Camden under command of General Gates, and that engagement I acted as orderly Sergeant, and as such about one half of this tour – after this I was ordered out for another three months tour, and served 2 ½ months of this tour under Captain Ambrose Harper of North Carolina, and a light horse Troop called the County light horse troop immediately after the British marched through Halifax Town when they met with a general defeat.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

An: In first tour received a written discharge from Captain Powell, next from Captain William Gill and last from Captain Harper and lost all.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

An: John Neal, Charles Wall, Capt. Charles Thorn.

South Carolina, Chester District

Personally came before me John Neal and on oath says he was well acquainted with

Benjamin Jackson at the time of the old Revolutionary war, that he knows he was in the war and I do not now recollect what officer he enrolled under, at that time we were neighbor boys together, we both removed from North Carolina to Chester District and have lived neighbors for upwards of thirty years, he has always sustained a good and unexerpionable [sic.] Character and a man of utmost probity & truth.

Sworn to before me in open court December 24, 1832.

S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

S/ John Neal, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$52.92 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 ½ months in the North Carolina militia.]