

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Palmer S21912

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State of South Carolina, Union District, to wit

On this 3rd day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions now sitting for the said District, Joshua Palmer, a Resident of the said District aged eighty-two years who being first duly sworn on his oath doth make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 – that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. “I entered the Service in the month of October 1775 as a volunteer in Captain Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Thomas and Major Henderson [William Henderson], and served in the tour known by the name of the “Snow Camps” about four months. In May 1776 I was drafted and joined the Company Commanded by Captain Jolly [Benjamin Jolly] in Colonel Thomas' Regiment, and marched to Prince's Fort and thence pursued the Indians to the neighboring towns, and having destroyed them returned to the Seneca Fort, and after joining with other forces crossed the mountains and had an engagement with the Indians – and then returned by way of the Chota Town to the Seneca Fort, where we were discharged in October by Colonel Thomas. In March 1778, I entered the Service as a Captain of militia in Colonel Thomas's Regiment and marched to Augusta, and thence Florida, in which expedition I served something more than three months. In March 1779, I again took command of a Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wofford and marched to Augusta and thence to Bacon's Bridge, where the Regiment was divided and I fell under Command of Col. Brandon, and then marched to Quaquaw [sic, Caw Caw] Swamp – and then to the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779], in which I was engaged after the Battle we returned to the encampment at the Swamp – when myself and company were discharged. In February 1780 I again took Command of a Company and joined Colonel Purvis [John Purvis] near Augusta at Cubbert Creek [sic, Cupboard Creek] where we remained until discharged having served three months. And in July following I resigned my Commission. I never took it any other regular tour, but was actively employed in the neighborhood in different capacities until the Battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781] in which I acted as the adjutant to Col. Thomas Brandon Regiment – and then continued in an irregular Scouting Service until the entire cessation of Hostilities. I have no documentary evidence of my services, ~~and refer to Joseph McJunkin, and Daniel Cannon to prove my services.~~ I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

In answer to the interrogatories proposed by the Court – I answer: 1st & 2nd I was born in Amelia County Virginia on the 12th March 1750 as I have been told but have no record of my age.

3rd I lived in Union District when I entered the service and have lived here ever since.

4th I first served as a volunteer, then as a draft and lastly a commissioned officer

5th See within

6th My commission was signed by Colonel Thomas – but it has been lost with all my discharges as a private.

7th I refer to the Reverend W. Elias Mitchell and [illegible first name, but signed "Drury"] Harrington to prove my character for truth and moral deportment.

S/ Jno B. O'Neill

S/ Joshua Palmer



[Elias Mitchell, a clergyman, and Drury Harrington gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Christopher Brandon¹ gave to a supporting affidavit in which he states that he saw Captain Joshua Palmer at the Snow Camps and "thereafter saw said Palmer in the service of his country, that said Palmer was a Captain a long time, during his service in the Revolutionary War & was always considered an Excellent Whig & a worthy soldier of the revolution, & that his declaration as set out he does believe to be correct except as to the date of the [several indecipherable words]."



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State of South Carolina, Union District

Personally appeared before me Captain Joshua Palmer & deposeth as follows in order to explain and make more explicit his application for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the Service in behalf of his Country during the Revolutionary War under Captain Brandon as a volunteer – four months against the common enemy the British & Tories.

In a second Tour – I Served under Captain Jolly in the Indian Country five months. In March 1778 I entered the service again under Colonel Thomas as a Captain & served at least for months. In March 1779 I again took the command of a Company as Captain in the Regiment commanded by Colonel W Wofford [William Wofford] -- & returned home again the 17th of August 1779, being about five months & two & three days.

In February 1780 I again took the command of a company under Col. Purvis & served three months – I afterwards acted as the adjutant to Colonel Brandon's Regiment at the battle of the Cowpens. I was out in many scouts & out so repeatedly that I have not any distinct recollection how long I was out until the close of the war, but believe I served at least nine months – this deponent believes that he served at least eighteen months as a private & twelve months as a Captain – and this deponent further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services but can prove considerable of his services by Major Thomas Young, Mr. Christopher Brandon & Major Joseph McJunkin.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 16th May 1833

S/ John Giles, QU

S/ Joshua Palmer

South Carolina, Union District

Maj. Thomas Young² came personally before me and deposeth that he was personally acquainted with Captain Joshua Palmer during the whole of the Revolutionary War, that said Palmer was a good soldier and served as this deponent believes, as set out in his declaration, that this deponent was actually in service with said Palmer, that said Palmer was a long time a Captain in the Service & did act as the adjutant to Colonel Brandon at the Battle of the Cowpens, at which engagement this deponent was also engaged.

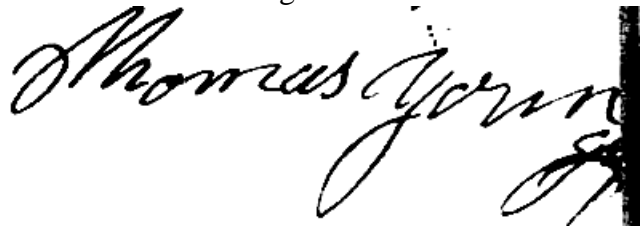
1 [Christopher Brandon S9288](#)

2 [Thomas Young S10309](#)

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12 June 1833.

S/ D. Wallace, JP

S/ Thomas Young

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas Young". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent "T" at the beginning and a long, sweeping "g" at the end. The signature is positioned to the right of the text "S/ Thomas Young".

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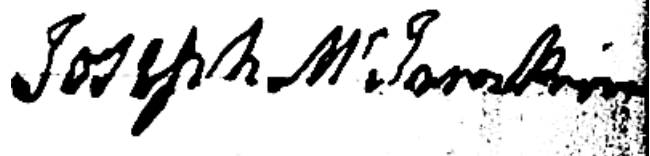
Maj. Joseph McJunkin³ came personally before me and Deposeth as follows & saith that he was well acquainted with Captain Joshua Palmer during the Revolutionary War, that said Palmer Joined the Service in the Revolutionary War in the year 1775 in the Snow Camps. This deponent also was with the said Palmer in the Service in the year 1776, and at other times, that he believes that the facts set out in the declaration of Captain Palmer are Correct as said Palmer was a good Soldier & did Serve as a Captain Some considerable time & also was adjutant to Colonel Brandon's Regiment in the Battle of the Cowpens.

That said Palmer is a respectable old Gentlemen.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 21 June 1833.

S/ D Wallace, JP

S/ Joseph McJunkin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph McJunkin". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent "J" at the beginning and a long, sweeping "n" at the end. The signature is positioned to the right of the text "S/ Joseph McJunkin".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$280 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Captain in the South Carolina militia.]

³ [Major Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)