

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James T. Jester S2650

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State of North Carolina, Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Session 1832

On this Eighteenth day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions James T. Jester a resident of Buncombe County in the State of North Carolina aged 70 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 the 7th 1832.

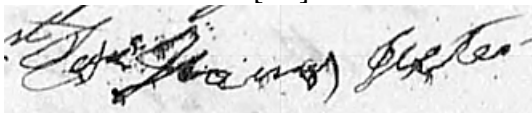
That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the year 1763 in [sic, on] July 29th in the State of Delaware in Kent County and in the year 1777 my father moved to North Carolina and I came with him and in the year 1781 in March I volunteered for the Service of the United States in the County of Guilford and the State of North Carolina under John McADuse [John McAdow] Captain and in the Regiment of Colonel Martin [James Martin] and was with General George Washington at the Haw fields and served three months and received his discharge from Service under the hand of John McDuse Captain and that he volunteered in the service again in the same County and served three months under Captain John Haley in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Martin and was in but one battle and that was with the Tories on Troublesome River in Rockingham County in the State of North Carolina we then marched to the State of Virginia in Franklin County on our way to Head Quarters but in the County we met with an express that Cornwallace [sic, Cornwallis] had been taken [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] and that peace had been made and we were then discharged I received my discharge under the hand of Captain John Halin [sic] but I have lost both of my discharges and have no Documentary evidence of my Services and I know of no person by whom I can prove my services living in this Country that I served six months as a volunteer in the Revolutionary war of the United States. I hereby relinquish all claim whatsoever of any pension or an annuity except the Present and I hereby declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court October the 18th 1832

Test: S/ John Miller, Clk

S/ Jas James Jester [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James T. Jester". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

By S/ N. W. Woodfin, D. C.

[Robert Williamson and George Penland gave the standard supporting affidavit referring to the applicant as James Thomas Jester.]

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Questions by the Court

1 Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

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

7 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.

[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.]