

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Minor S2843

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of Kentucky – Scott County Sct.

On this 19th day of August 1833 Jeremiah Minor personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court now sitting a resident of the County & State above named aged 87 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 aforesaid. That in the month of June 1775 he was enlisted as a minute Soldier under Captain Bruce [perhaps Charles Bruce], in the State of Virginia & Orange County where he resided at the time of his enlistment. That Bruce through sickness never took command. That Colonel John Spencer commanded in his stead at that time. That he served from that time till the burning of Norfolk [January 1, 1776] near about seven months as well as he recollects or a little under. That Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of Virginia] was about that time driven from Virginia; remained about the coast & sent round to Saint Augustine; obtain 260 British soldiers commanded by Captain Fordise [Charles Fordyce]; these with the refugees took post at Norfolk; That the minute men, he being one marched against them & met them at a place called the Great Bridge [December 8, 1775]. That they killed Captain Fordise & aid of his soldiers and wounded others – & compelled them to retire to Norfolk, then to their shipping, from whence they fired hot balls & burnt the town. The minute men were discharged.

That in the year 1777 he performed a tour of duty as a militia man in the service of the United States for one or two months at Albemarle Barracks in guarding the prisoners (being Burgoyne's troops []) – That in 1781 he again served a tour of duty being one month in the same capacity against Cornwallis, being in all 9 or 10 months – That it has been such a length of time he has no documentary testimony to the case set forth.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jeremiah Minor



[J. T. Johnson, "a Teacher of Christianity residing in Georgetown Scott County" & Colonel John Duvall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Of the Amended Declaration of Jeremiah Minor of Scott County State of Kentucky in order to have his Pension increased under the law of 7 of June 1832

He stais [states] that he was a Sergent [Sergeant] during the whole term of his Services as set forth in his former Declaration which fact he presumes was not staited in his Declaration from

the amount of Pension he now receives and will appear from the Records of the old Muster Roals [rolls] on fil [file]. He Prayes that his Pension may be increased and that he may receive a Segents Pay. Given from under my hand this 12th day of April 1837

S/ Jeremiah Minor

[in the attestation the applicant is referred to as being aged 90 years]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]